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JANUARY 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

JOIN US AT LCPL FOR INTERESTING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN 2005!

It's a new year and there are lots of activities planned for 2005. Our **Gardening Series** will resume in March with nine consecutive monthly programs on the third Tuesday of the month, featuring all sorts of informative gardening tips. The program is sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and features many speakers from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program.

Each year the Lake County Public Library hosts a discussion group, called **Great Decisions**, which is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization. The program is designed to educate Americans about the significant issues that influence their lives. Each year the FPA publishes a briefing book which contains information on the topics to be discussed, as well as a ballot for the participants to fill out on each subject covered. The final report is sent to the White House, the Departments of State and Defense, members of Congress, the media, those participating in the balloting process and concerned citizens. The program is open to the public and the first month's discussion is scheduled for February 8th and 22nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. A one-time fee of $5 helps cover the cost of the book.

Discussions abound in 2005. Join one or all of the many group discussions scheduled for the New Year!

The **Second Friday of the Month Club**, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, is a very popular program for senior citizens at the Central Library. Donna Cafferata, 50 Advantage Club Coordinator, lines up speakers for each month's meeting. On January 14th at 10am, Sandy Basala and Carrie Crisan, from the Lake County Parks Department, will present "Tour Your Lake County Parks." Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am.

On February 16th at 6:30pm, we will welcome **Mr. Ray Boomhower, Managing Editor of the Indiana Historical Society Press**. He has written a biography of Hoosier Astronaut Gus Grissom, titled *Gus Grissom: The Lost Astronaut*. Mr. Boomhower will provide a lecture on Grissom and will be on hand to sign copies of his book.

For those of you who enjoy afternoon tea time, save the date of Saturday, April 30 for the Lake County Public Library Foundation's annual **Literary Tea**. The tea usually features an author and is held at the Central Library. More information to come on this worthwhile event.

Be sure to read the program listings of your local library branch in each Happenings. Our eleven branch locations offer many monthly programs for children and adults. New this year at our Hobart Branch is **Coffee Break @ Your Library**. It will take place on four Mondays, January 10, 17, 24 & 31 during "Coffee Gourmet International Month." Coffee lovers can grab a mug and a book, and join the library staff each of these Mondays for a different coffee flavor and book!

Happy New Year!
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On an average day, Lake County Public Library checks out 4,128 books daily.

Taxpayers save $130,200 every day since they are able to borrow library books instead of buying their own books. Lake County Public Library taxpayers may choose from a collection of over 1,062,416 books.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning December 15, ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Jan. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is the next step for beginners. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Pre-register beginning December 15, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *Flame Trees of Thika: Memories of an African Childhood* by Elspeth Huxley. It is 1913 and six-year-old Elspeth and her parents have trekked out to the wild Kikuyu country of Kenya with the hope of establishing a successful coffee plantation on property her father had purchased from a man in a hotel bar wearing "an old Etonian tie." The book relates her vivid child's-eye account of what they encountered and how they coped in this all-but-untouched land. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Jan. 14, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature "Tour Your Lake County Parks," presented by Sandy Basala and Carrie Crisan. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library, ext. 317.

CITIZENSHIP TEST PREPARATION CLASS

Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, Sat. from 10am to 11:30am. Larry Sharp, Executive Director of the International Institute/La Casa, will present this series of test preparation classes for those preparing to become United States citizens. Pre-register, ext. 309 or at the International Institute, 219-980-4636.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

Jan. 17, Mon. and Jan. 19, Wed. thru Mar. 16, Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. English as a Second Language classes are being offered with three levels of instruction: beginning, intermediate and advanced. Participants work on speaking, listening, reading and writing English through a variety of activities. Pre-register, ext. 309.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning December 15, ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEDICAL RESOURCES

Jan. 26, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will learn about health databases available from their home for library patrons, find information about prescription drugs, learn what HON CODE is, find the most useful web sites for medication information and more. Pre-register beginning December 15, ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

Cozy reads for chilly days

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.ht*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: The caller was planning a four-day trip to Canada with her dog and cat and wanted to know whether she might have any problems at the border bringing them into the country.

A: From countries where rabies is present (including the U.S.), dogs and cats may enter Canada if accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate issued, in either English or French, by a licensed veterinarian, which clearly identifies the dogs (and/or cats) and shows that they are currently vaccinated against rabies. This certificate should identify the animal, as in breed, color, weight, etc., plus indicate the name of the licensed rabies vaccine used (trade name), serial number and duration of validity (up to 3 years).

The website from which this answer was obtained is **www.canadaonline.about.com/od/customs** and is a good source for information on the importation of many other types of products into Canada.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *The Turkey Day Murder: A Lucy Stone Mystery* by Leslie Meier. Kadjo is accused of killing chickens. Is execution too harsh? Nolan, the dog's owner thinks so, and he won't go for "fixing" poor Kadjo either. In between preparing Thanksgiving dinner for twelve and keeping her four kids from maiming each other, Lucy Stone tries to find out who decided killing Nolan was another option. Pre-register beginning December 13.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Chicago and its preparations for the 1893 World's Fair serves as a backdrop for this story of multiple murders. Daniel H. Burnham, the architect who planned the fair and the White City, and Henry H. Holmes, a sadistic killer who built his own "World's Fair Hotel" complete with dissection table, gas chamber and crematorium, are at the center of this true narrative. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. During a lavish birthday party at the home of the Vice President of a country in South America, terrorists burst in and take everyone hostage. Pre-register beginning December 15.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Jan. 4, Tues. at 2pm or Jan. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Jan. 11, Tues. at 2pm. Viewers will examine the natural history of Australia, visiting regions almost untouched by man, and animals as unique as the land they inhabit. One hundred and four years ago in January, Australia became a nation. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm or Jan. 18, Tues. at 2pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-register.

INTERNET SAFETY

Jan. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm. Parents and their school-age children will learn how to navigate the net safely. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Jan. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. In McCuller's first novel, a haunting, unforgettable classic that is often considered her finest work, readers meet John

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Singer, a deaf mute who becomes the confidant of many of the misfits of a small Georgia mill town during the 1930's. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: EXPLORING THE NET

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Teens, ages 12 and older, will practice navigating the net using the library's homepage. They will explore helpful and interesting sites, play games, including Internet Trivia and Google Face-off. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 22, Sat. from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Participants will paint a deep woods landscape on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 24, Mon. from 6pm. Participants will paint a still life of fruit in a bowl on a 7" x 9" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Jan. 25, Tues. at 2pm. Viewers will travel to Canada via the big screen to explore wondrous sites and meet its very diverse people. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

Jan 26, Wed. at 7pm. Both beginning and experienced knitters are invited to this class for instruction. Participants should bring worsted weight yarn and knitting needles. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Travels by Michael Crichton

"Michael Crichton shares stories of his extensive travels, both physical and spiritual. This nonfiction work is almost as much of a "page turner" as his best-selling novels."

MG/Reference

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen

"After a troubled, angry teen is arrested, he is given a choice between going to jail or facing the Native American Circle of Justice. He chooses the Circle of Justice, thinking this would be an easy way out of prison. After being sent to an uninhabited Alaskan island, he learns that nothing in life is as easy as it appears."

GA/Griffith

In Our Own Best Interest: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All by William F. Schulz

"This well-written work succinctly explains why all Americans need to be concerned about human rights abuses that are taking place throughout the world. According to the author, American prosperity and safety is unquestionably tied to the promotion of basic rights for all citizens in our country as well as the societies of those countries with which we interact. If you think that the abuses taking place in jails on the other side of the planet don't have an acute effect on what happens to our society in the U.S. (and even in Northwest Indiana), then you need to hear what this author has to say."

AT/Technical Services

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Jan. 3, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 was the embodiment of everything that defined the world during the Industrial Revolution - a technological triumph and an incredible windfall for the wealthy financiers behind it. Pre-register.

TRAVELOGUE WITH GORDON WILDER

Jan. 10, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm. Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides of his recent trips to Acadia National Park, Nova Scotia, Vermont and New Hampshire. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 11, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen

Cambor. The South Fork Dam separates two very different worlds – the exclusive South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club which lies above the dam, and the working class town Johnstown that lies below the dam. The club and Johnstown were separate worlds until the flood in 1889 when over 2,000 people lost their lives. The tragedy overwhelms all of the survivors and makes for an unforgettable story. Pre-register beginning December 14.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 12, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature "Check Clearing for the 21st Century." Do you understand how it works? Did you know that among the reasons Check 21 went into affect was to add further safeguards to check processing, to modernize the check collecting system and reduce the likelihood of identity theft? Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Jan. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will begin their journey in Prague, then journal through Bohemia into southern Poland where they will visit the vestiges of bygone eras and find a new culture blossoming in the heart of Eastern Europe. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *The Fugitive* starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. Dr. Richard Kimble, a Chicago surgeon, is falsely convicted of killing his wife. He leads Sam Gerard and his team of agents in the pursuit of the one-armed man who actually committed the crime. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Dangerous Attachments* by Sarah Lovett. Dr. Sylvia Strange, a forensic psychologist, has dealt with some of the most twisted and depraved minds documented. Now one of those minds, Lucas Watson, wants to deal with her. After escaping from prison, Watson wants to play a game of wits and wills with the beautiful doctor. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 31, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *Ra-* starring Cuba Gooding and Ed Harris. This film is based on a "Sports Illustrated" true story of Radio, a mentally challenged young man whom South Carolina football coach Harold Jones takes under his wing. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Jan. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will enjoy Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan when they journey, through video, the Badlands to scenic parkways of the National Parks. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Jan. 8, Sat. at 2pm. Scrabble players of all levels are welcome to challenge their skills during non-competitive games. Players will meet new friends while learning new words and techniques. Pre-register beginning January 3.

COFFEE BREAK @ YOUR LIBRARY

Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, Mon. at 2pm. Coffee lovers should grab a mug and a book during "Coffee Gourmet International Month" and join the library staff each Monday in January for a different coffee flavor and book. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Jan. 18, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Future Homemakers of America* by Laurie Graham. In 1952, a group of women married to pilots stationed at a U.S. Air Force base in Norfolk, England, are drawn together in intimate friendships that survive forty years of marriage, divorce, separations, and reunions. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 1pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

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New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the Lake Station or New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

HERITAGE, REFUGE AND MUSIC

Jan. 11, Tues. at 7pm. John Wachala, of the Calumet Chamber Musicians, will present a preview talk about the music in their upcoming concerts, "Heritage, Refuge and Music." The concerts are being presented in conjunction with NIAA's exhibit "VALOR: The Warsaw Uprising of 1944 in Images and Words." Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 12, Wed. at 7pm. Arn Schenk, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Fidelio* by Ludwig van Beethoven. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Pre-register.

NUMERACY DISCUSSION GROUP

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm. This group, facilitated by Dr. James Schmidt, will discuss how numeracy plays a part in our everyday lives, and why it is important to understand information presented in mathematical terms and be competent in mathematical skills. Pre-register.

EXPLORE HAWAII

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. The Hawaiian Islands are the most isolated archipelago on the planet, yet through the development of modern tourism have become one of the most heavily visited places on earth. Experience Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the "Big Island" of Hawaii. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 26, Wed. at 7pm. Barbara DeBolt, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 27, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Harvesting the Heart* by Jodi Picoult. Paige's mother left when she was five years-old. Now, having left behind her father for dreams of art school and marriage, she

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ds herself with a child of her own. Her mother's absence makes her doubt both her maternal ability and her sense of self-worth. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Civil Disobedience* by Thoreau. This is a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*. A one time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Jan. 4, Tues. from 6:30pm. to 8:15pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 10, Mon. from 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SNAZZY SNOWMEN

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Teens, ages 11 to 16, will express their creativity by decorating clay pots to resemble snowmen. The finished crafts will be on display in the library for a few weeks. Plan your masterpiece ahead of time; bring your own embellishments or use ours. Fee of $2 is due by January 7. Pre-register.

AVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Jan. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Participants can escape winter in the tropical green paradise of Bali via large-screen video. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Jan. 26, Wed. at 7pm or Jan. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Chicago and its preparations for the 1893 World's Fair serves as a backdrop for this story of multiple murders. Daniel H. Burnham, the architect who planned the fair and the White City, and Henry H. Holmes, a sadistic killer who built his own "World's Fair Hotel" complete with dissection table, gas chamber and crematorium, are at the center of this true narrative. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

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Nation Master – www.nationmaster.com
Provides country and regional graphs and descriptive statistics based on geography, military, economy, crime, education, and transportation. Based on the CIA World Factbook, this site is great for little known statistics and interesting facts, such as which country has the highest death rate by contact with scorpions (Mexico) or which country has the highest cinema attendance (India).

Barchart – www.barchart.com
Advanced technical charting and analysis of stocks and commodities. Real time streaming quotes. Some services are subscription based, but free information is available on opinions, signals and industry sectors. Recommended for novice investors.

Poverty USA – www.povertyusa.org
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has designated January as Poverty in America Awareness Month. This site contains a wealth of current data on the state of poverty in America, including official U.S. Census figures, other federal statistics and unbiased reporting on many issues involving low-income families in the United States.

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Read – a – Thon 2005

Lake County Public Library Foundation 2005 Read-a-Thon is from **January 10 thru February 18, 2005.** Help support your school and the Foundation with this annual event to encourage children to read. Contact your school or local library for more information.

January closings …

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2005.

Regular library hours will resume on Monday, January 3, 2005.

LCPL Book Sale Room Update

Big Sale Coming Up!

On Saturday, January 22, everything in the LCPL Book Sale Room will be half price. The half price sale will be repeated on Thursday, February 24th. Watch for other future sales!

Thank you for your continued support.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

BIG UNDERWEAR

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will have fun with silly songs, games and a craft based on the *Captain Underpants* series. Pre-register, ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
January 2005



CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Jan. 17, Mon. at 2pm. Children of all ages are invited to hear stories of Martin Luther King, Jr. and make a memento to remember him. Preschoolers should be accompanied by a parent or responsible sibling. Pre-register, ext. 360.

NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will celebrate Puzzle Day with all sorts of puzzling games, crafts and stories. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

HOT CHOCOLATE MUGGIES

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and higher are invited to prepare a special cocoa mix and spoon to enjoy on a cold winter's day. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

HOT CHOCOLATE MUGGIES

Jan. 12, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher are invited to prepare a special cocoa mix and spoon to enjoy on a cold winter's day. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

FRIENDSHIP PINS

Jan. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will turn old puzzle pieces into pins that are worn to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Pre-register.

TIME TRAVELERS

Jan. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will hear more from *Don't You Know There's a War On* by Avi, then make a colored cube game that was popular during 1942. Pre-register.

BEADWORKS

Jan. 26, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will try their hand at beadwork by making a bracelet or keychain. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

SNOWMAN STORIES

Jan. 11, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear snowman stories and make a snowman craft to take home. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 13 and 27, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and other fun activities. Pre-register.

GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE

Jan. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the story *The Gingerbread Man*, enjoy gingerbread cookies and make a gingerbread craft. Pre-register.

EXPLORING THE NET

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Teens, ages 12 and older, will practice "navigating the net" using the library's homepage. They will explore helpful and interesting sites and play games, including Internet Trivia and Google Face-off. Pre-register.

PLAYDOUGH PIZAZZ

Jan. 24, Mon. at 4pm. Children of all ages are invited to make and sculpt a variety of Playdough, including some delicious ones to eat. Pre-register.

A LONG WINTER NAP

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Students in grades K thru 6 will explore the different ways animals live through the winter months. Students will also play Winter Bingo and make a craft. Pre-register.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY

Jan. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm. Participants of all ages will have fun with stories and activities about Groundhog's Day, winter and early spring. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES CELEBRATE WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Jan. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day with stories, songs, and other activities. Pre-register beginning December 20.

TODDLERS CELEBRATE WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Jan. 10, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day with stories, songs, and other activities. Pre-register beginning December 27.

BUSY BEES LUAU

Jan. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, and other activities celebrating sunny Hawaii. Pre-register beginning January 3.

TODDLERS LUAU

Jan. 24, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, may bring beach towels and sunglasses to enjoy stories, songs and other activities. Pre-register beginning January 10.

ALOHA LUAU

Jan. 25, Tues. from 3:30pm to 5pm. Children in grades K and higher are invited to say "Aloha!" to a winter luau adventure with stories, crafts and food. Wear Hawaiian attire and get a prize. Pre-register beginning January 3.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

WINTER WONDERLAND

Jan. 12, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy winter stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning December 28.

MOVIE BREAK

Jan. 18, Tues. at 6pm. Children in grades K and higher are invited to bring a snack and enjoy the movie *Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins*. Pre-register beginning January 3.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Jan. 21, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy winter stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning January 3.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

WINTER PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Jan. 17, Mon. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear a variety of stories, finger plays, and songs, then make a winter craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Pre-register.

WINTER FUN

Jan. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm. Students in grades K thru 5 will hear Baba Yaga stories and make winter crafts. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

WINTER WONDERLAND

Jan. 11, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a winter story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning December 28.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Jan. 5 and 19, Wed. at 4pm. Students in grades K and higher will enjoy stories, a craft, refreshments and other theme related activities. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's

Jan. 10, 17 and 24, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, crafts and other related activities with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's

Jan. 11, 18 and 25, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, videos and other related activities with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

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WEE ONES

Jan. 12 and 26, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and our special toy time. Pre-registration is not necessary.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

COOKIES GALORE

Jan. 4, Tues. at 1:30pm or Jan. 5, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear cookie stories, play cookie games and watch the film *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 10, Mon. at 6:30pm or Jan. 11, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, rhymes and activities about snow, including the making of an edible snowman! Pre-register.

SOUP'S ON

Jan. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will decorate with soup can labels, play a game and watch a film. Pre-register.

SNAZZY SNOWMEN

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Teens, ages 11 to 16, will express their creativity by decorating clay pots to resemble snowmen. The finished crafts will be on display in the library for a few weeks. Plan your masterpiece ahead of time; bring your own embellishments or use ours. Fee of $2 is payable by January 7. Pre-register.

LET IT SNOW

Jan. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or Jan. 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about snow, play a matching game and watch a film. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm or Jan. 25, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this kangaroo and koala story time. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 11, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about new things. Pre- register.

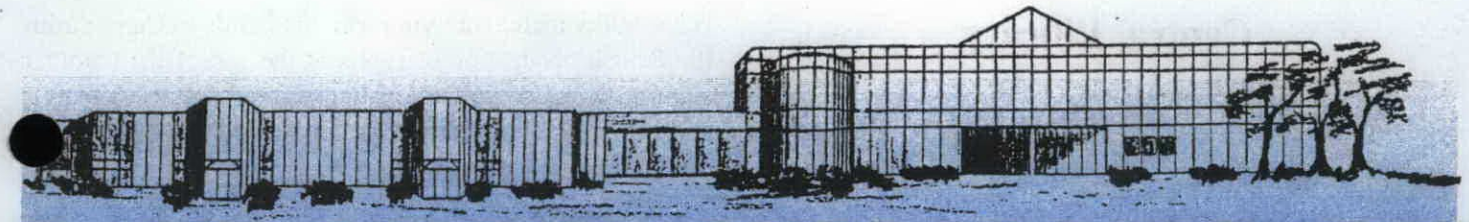
TODDLER TIME

Jan. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy winter stories. Pre-register.

WINTER FUN

Jan. 26, Wed. at 4pm. Students in grades K and higher will enjoy winter stories and crafts. Pre- register.





LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

Sally Benson, Editor
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HIGHLAND BRANCH

Have you ever thought about what you would do if there was no public library in Highland? Just what does the library offer that makes it so special?

Information and books are the first two obvious answers, but the Highland library is about much more than that. Within the confines of our four walls, we house over 70,000 items for patrons to use on site or to check out.

Is there a print book, talking book, CD, cassette tape, software or educational video you want, but we don't have? No problem! With your library card and PIN you can place a hold (or we can do it for you) and usually within a few days, the item will be on the shelf waiting for you to pick up.

Why is Highland Library so special?... it is a reflection of the unique blend of people and interests that make our community...

Did you see something new that you think the library should own? Fill out a purchase request form. Is there something old we don't have in the system? Resident card holders may ask for an interlibrary loan, and in a few weeks the materials are generally available, on loan to us from another library system in the USA.

Highland Branch has two children's librarians working daily to order materials, plan and execute programs, as well as make on site story hour visits to local daycares and preschools. We work with the schools to promote the Science Fairs and to support the Accelerated Reading Program that several of the schools use. Copies of their lists are available at the library. Teachers are encouraged to bring their classes to the library for tours and for research. Each summer we plan as many as 40 programs or events during an 8 week period to bring the kids in. We reward their reading industry with as many as 2,500 donated prizes. We encourage kids to give back to the community by sponsoring a volunteer program that "employs" as many as 125 youth during the summer. Throughout the year, parents of younger children meet in the library during Preschool Story Hours and Busy Bees programs. While the children are listening to stories, parents have a chance to browse the stacks or just visit quietly with new found friends.

In addition to a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction titles, adults can find a wide selection of videos and DVD's to borrow. Our special "New Release", "Always Something New", and "Best Sellers Express" displays have current book and film titles, often before the stores have them.

As technology becomes more and more a part of our lives, don't be left behind. If you are nervous or unsure about using computers, make an appointment with our Tech Tutor. Free one-on-one instruction on the library's computers will help you ease yourself into the computer age.

Throughout the year, "Adopt-a-Shelf" volunteers help keep things orderly and in good repair. Every month Highland hosts displays of local patron's hobbies, collections, or information about various groups and agencies. Stop by each month to see what's in the display cases.

So why is Highland Library so special? Because it is a reflection of the unique blend of people and interests that make our community a great place to live.

Kathy Deal
Highland Branch Manager

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Lake County Public Library checks out 726 compact discs daily..

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Lake County Public Library taxpayers may choose from a collection of over 54,142 cassettes and compact discs.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning January 15th, ext. 346.

FRIENDS MEETING

Feb. 8, Tues. at 1pm. The Friends of LCPL will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Board Room. All members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Friends, call Public Relations, ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS

Feb. 8 and 22, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This discussion group is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Each month, a two week discussion will be held with a topic outlined by the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "U.S. Intelligence." A one-time fee of $5 covers the cost of the book. Pre-register, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Feb. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Pre-register beginning January 15th, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz. Al-Sayyid Ahmad is a wealthy merchant living with his family in Cairo during the British occupation of Egypt at the end of the Ottoman Empire. It is a time of retching changes both in his society and in his family. Mahfouz, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, brilliantly illuminates not only this time and place, but provides insight into Middle Eastern Culture as a whole. Pre-register, ext. 340.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

OUT OF AFRICA

Literature by and about Africans

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Feb. 11, Fri. at 10am. This month's club will feature "The Calumet Gem and Mineral Society" presented by a society representative. Sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning January 15th, ext. 346.

GUS GRISSOM AND THE FLIGHT OF THE MOLLY BROWN

Feb. 16, Wed at 6:30pm. Ray E. Boomhower, author of *Gus Grissom: The Lost Astronaut* will discuss his book and sign copies. He'll discuss Gus' early-life and career, as well as how he came to write the biography. Grissom was from Mitchell, Indiana, and one of the first men to fly in space. Pre-register, ext. 317.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: A JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Todd McCain, director of Project Seed of Gary Community Schools, and presenter of educational workshops nationally, will give a lecture featuring the history of African American History to interested participants. The lecture is offered in celebration of African American History Month. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 309.

DISCOVER GENEALOGY RESOURCES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Feb. 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This genealogy class will introduce online and book resources, including census, obituary, cemetery and military records. Participants will tour the library's Indiana Geneaology Room and Periodicals Department, and learn how to use the microfilm reader. Come learn why genealogists regard a step backwards as progress. Pre-register beginning January 15, ext. 346.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: How many voters are registered in Lake County?

A: In 2002 there were 329,781 registered voters in Lake County, but only 28% voted.

In the 2004 General Election, November 2, 2004, there were 353,826 registered voters in Lake County and 55% voted.

More voting statistics and information can be found at the Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division web site: http://www.ai.org/sos/elections/2004%20Municipal%20Registration%20and%20

Also:
http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/election/general/general2004

Source: Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division
http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Aunt Dimity's Death* by Nancy Atherton. A novel way to start a new series: have the detective die. But Aunt Dimity won't go away and instead haunts her niece to carry on. Pre-register beginning January 10.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Just One Look* by Harlan Coben. Grace Lawson's life unravels after she finds a mysterious twenty-year-old photo in the package of pictures she has just picked up. Her husband appears to be in the photo, yet denies it, then suddenly disappears. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS

Feb. 1, 15, and 22 at 11am. Donna Welch will teach a three week beginners crochet class. Participants must bring a skein of red yarn, a skein of any color variegated yarn and size J crochet hook. Projects will include an apple with a worm potholder and tube slippers with a bow. Pre-register beginning January 24.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 16, Wed. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Julie and Romeo* by Jeanne Ray. Julie and Romeo are rival Boston florists whose families have hated each other for as long as anyone can remember. Pre-register beginning January 19.

ADVANCED CROCHET CLASS

Feb. 22, Mar. 1 and 8, at 11am. Donna Welch will teach a three week advanced crochet class. Participants should bring their favorite color of yarn and choice of crochet hooks. Projects will include a lap afghan, a ladies hat, and if time permits, a rose granny square. Pre-register beginning February 14.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 7, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint plumeria from Hawaii on a 6" x 8" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Feb. 8, Tues. at 2pm. Interested viewers will learn about

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George Washington's early life, military career, family, and his many contributions to history when they watch the video, George Washington and the Campaign for Independence. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Feb. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Amateur Marriage* by Anne Tyler. This deeply perceptive novel spans three generations as it explores the lives and loves of two very different people who met and married soon after World War II. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 21, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint a kitchen crock and cherries on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Feb. 22, Tues. at 2pm. Travelers will enjoy the British Isles as they visit England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Island and the Republic of Ireland. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 26, Sat. at 9:30pm. Participants will paint assorted flowers on a paper mache bag with handles. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Feb. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. This month's history video is *Great Romances in History*. This film takes a look at 5 couples whose love defined their times: Antony and Cleopatra; Napoleon and Josephine; Czar Nicholas and Alexandra; the Duke and Duchess of Windsor; and Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Great Husband Hunt* by Laurie Graham. The fictional autobiography of Poppy Minkel, the tart-tongued heiress of Minkel's Mighty Fine Mustard takes the reader on a romp through the 20th century. Poppy has always found herself in the thick of things whether it is the sinking of the Titanic, the Great Depression or World War II. Instead of just surviving, Poppy seems to thrive and reinvent herself in step with the unfolding modern century. Pre-register beginning January 11.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 9, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet

the Staff Recommends@ your library

PERIODICALS

American Bungalow Style is beautifully illustrated with more than three hundred color photographs. It presents two dozen American houses that capture the bungalow spirit. Many are Arts and Crafts in style, others show a touch of Spain or colonial American, and all exemplify the charms that enticed thousands of bungalows buyers during the form's heyday form 1880 to 1930. Bungalows illustrated are examples by famous architects from Frank Lloyd Wright to Bernard Maybeck, as well as Gustav Stickley's own log cabin retreat.

Chicago Wilderness is a quarterly magazine that celebrates the rich natural heritage of this region and tells the inspiring stories of the people and organizations working to heal and protect local nature. The land roughly comprises 200,000 acres of protected natural lands harboring native plant and animal communities that are rarer – and their survival more globally threatened than the tropical rain forests.

Digital Photographer is the publication that explains it all—what to look for when buying, how to edit captured images on a home computer, how to select the best printer, how to get those images onto the internet and much more. DP explains the ABCs of digital cameras. Every issue offers comprehensive consumer guides and tests accompanied by fact sheets that give the potential buyer everything he or she needs to know. The image revolution is here and DP is leading the way.

Oxygen Magazine is entirely devoted to women's fitness. Oxygen is totally committed to being the most helpful, valuable, informative and entertaining women's fitness publication on the planet. The main criteria in putting together this magazine is that the articles inform, inspire, educate and entertain the reader.
Combine progressive resistance exercise with cardio exercise and keep to a low fat, low sugar diet to obtain a killer physique.

Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am. The USO (United Services Organization) was founded in 1941 to serve active duty men and women defending our freedom. Today they play a valuable role in the support of our troops. Come and learn what we can do as Sand Ridge Club will be adopting a group of service men and women for the coming year. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 14, Mon. at 2pm. On the screen this month is *Seabiscuit* starring Toby Maguire and Jeff Bridges. Based on the Lauren Hillenbrand bestseller, this film tells the story of a horse, her owner and the jockey who rode her to victory. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Feb. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will enjoy New Orleans with a tour of the French Quarter, take a streetcar to the outlying Garden District, drive along the Mississippi and visit plantations, and return in time for Mardi Gras. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Hollowpoint* by Rob Reuland. Brooklyn Assistant D.A., Andrew Giobberti's life fell apart the day after his 5 year-old daughter was killed in a tragic car accident. A year later he is still just going through the motions on his job, when the murder of a 14 year-old girl lands on his desk. It seems like an open and shut case, but he relentlessly pursues the drug dealer he is convinced is behind the girl's death. Pre-register beginning January 27.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *It Happened One Night* starring Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. Frank Capra's 1934 comedy is about a hard-bitten reporter who stays close to a runaway heiress rather than lose a good story. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Township programming begins next column

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Feb. 2, Sat. at 7pm. Travelers will visit the deserted, mystical ruins of Yucatan, Mexico, discover world famous snorkeling, then enjoy a dazzling night life. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Feb. 12, Sat. at 2pm. Scrabble players of all levels are welcome to challenge their skills during non-competitive games. Players will meet new friends while learning new words and techniques. Pre- register beginning January 3.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Feb. 15, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles. This Civil War tale of desperation, perseverance and romance is an exciting read. Pre-register.

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 17, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 11, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Tribute Gifts@ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library and the LCPL Foundation receive generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to take the opportunity in this issue to thank those who have made a tribute gift during September through December of 2004.

In Memory of Charles M. Anderson
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3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the Lake Station or New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

BASIC GENEALOGY

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Dr. Eric Stumpf of Munster will introduce the beginner to the basics of genealogical research and record keeping. Pre-register.

EXPLORE COSTA RICA

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will explore the lush jungles, raging rivers and rugged coastlines in the tiny country of Costa Rica. Costa Rica is filled with geographical extremes, and contains some of the greatest biodiversity on earth. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Feb. 23, Wed. at 7pm. Dr. William Nelson, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *The Ring* by Richard Wagner. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 24, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Small Wonder*, by Barbara Kingsolver. This collection of essays is grounded in the author's belief that our largest problems have grown from the earth's remotest corners, as well as our own backyards, and that answers may lie in those places, too. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Habits and Will* by John Dewey. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*. A one-time free of

$25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 28, Mon. at 1:30pm. Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Feb. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 5, Sat. from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Participants will paint a lighthouse scene on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 1:30pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Participants will also learn about the essential parts of a computer, as well as common terminology. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 11, Fri. at 10:30am. Participants will learn how to explore the library's homepage while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 14, Mon. from 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Feb. 16, Wed. at 7pm. Participants will view the natural beauty of Arizona via-large screen video. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Feb. 23, Wed. at 7pm or Feb. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Cup of Tea* by Amy Ephron. A woman of privilege makes one seemingly insignificant decision that threatens her carefully sculptured life in this short but powerful tale. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the Lake Station or New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

CIA World Fact Book – www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/
Lists population, government, military, communications, transportation, and economic information for nations recognized by the United States. Also contains a brief description of any international disputes countries may have. Great place for maps, flags of the world and world rankings for numerous statistics.

African-American Issues – www.black-collegian.com/african/index-history.shtml
A lengthy list of articles provided by Black Collegian magazine about African-American history. Besides articles, there are biographies, quizzes and a page devoted to links about Martin Luther King. Be mindful that although there is a large amount of great material, it is aimed at adult readers.

Black History Month – www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html
Infoplease.com celebrates Black History Month with a collection of features, biographies, reference links, civil rights timeline, quizzes and puzzles. This site is useful for all ages.

Consumer.gov – www.consumer.gov
US federal government consumer information gateway. Find federal government resources on food, product safety, health, financial services, and other consumer topics.

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FEBRUARY 2005

Read – a – Thon
2005

Lake County Public Library Foundation

2005 Read-a-Thon continues thru February 18, 2005.

Help support your school and the Foundation with this annual event to encourage children to read. Contact your school or local library for more information.

LCPL Book Sale Room

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February 24th,

Thursday, 2pm to 8pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 10am, 1pm or 7pm, or Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning January 24.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
February 2005



IT'S CHINESE NEW YEAR

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will celebrate the Chinese New Year with stories, games, food and a craft. Pre-register.

ONCE UPON A TIME DAY

Feb. 25, Fri. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will celebrate Wilhelm Grimm's birthday with old favorite fairy tales, folktales, games and a fairytale craft. Pre-register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

GUNG HAY FAT CHOY

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate New Year's, Chinese style, as the Year of the Rooster begins. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

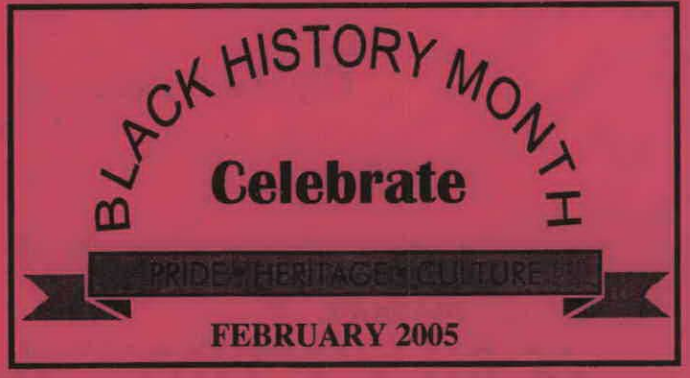
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

GUNG HAY FAT CHOY

Feb. 9, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate New Year's, Chinese style, as the Year of the Rooster begins. Pre-register.



Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 10:30am or Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at

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1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

PICTURE PERFECT

Feb. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will turn craft sticks into Valentine picture frames to keep or give to that special someone. Pre-register.

TIME TRAVELERS

Feb. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will travel back to 1942 and sample some simply made food substitutes. More of Avi's book, *Don't You Know There's a War On?*, will be read. Pre-register.

TALL PAUL

Feb. 23 at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will enjoy a Paul Bunyan story, then make a giant griddle for pancake making. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 3, Thurs. at 4pm. Members of the Teen Advisory Board and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens & younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program with stories, songs, crafts and related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning January 18.

TODDLER TIME

Feb. 10 and 25, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more. Pre-register.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will hear a Valentine story, make a valentine card and play Valentine Bingo. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will watch a short film based on a children's book and make crafts. Pre-register.

UNO AND PIZZA

Feb. 21, Mon. at 5pm. Teens, ages 12 and older, will eat pizza while playing Uno, variations of Uno and other games. Pre-register.

GAME NIGHT

Feb. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children of all ages will play a variety a games, including some with the library parachute, explore old and new games, and make games to take home. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MARDI GRAS

Feb. 8, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will share the magic and mischief of Mardi Gras. Pre-register beginning January

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am, or Feb. 9 thru Mar. 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and related activities with a different theme each week. Themes are: Mardi Gras, Penguins, Bubble Up, Silly with Seuss, Bunny Hop and Green Grab Bag. Pre-register beginning January 24.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, TODDLERS

Feb. 14, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and related activities. Pre-register beginning January 31.

HILLY TALES FOR TODDLERS

Feb. 28, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy cold weather stories, songs and related activities. Pre-register beginning February 14.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Feb. 9 thru Mar. 16, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning January 18.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Feb. 12, Sat. at 2pm. Children in grades K and higher will make their special someone a Valentine with the help of the Hobart Garden Club. Pre-register beginning January 31.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Feb. 18, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning February 4.

TRI KAPPA STORY TIME

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 10:30am. Tri-Kappa will sponsor this story hour for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, with a special craft designed by the group. Tri-Kappa will also provide the refreshments. Pre-register beginning February 3.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

KOREAN DAY

Feb. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K thru 5 will hear Korean stories, learn about Korean food and make Korean dragon puppets. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre- register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students in grades 5 or higher, that are interested in volunteering at the library should contact Mrs. Cashman for further details. Volunteers work after school and on some Saturdays for one to two hour time periods. Duties include helping with book displays, bulletin boards, crafts and children's programs. For more information call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Feb. 2 and 16, Wed. at 4pm. Students in grades K and higher will enjoy stories, crafts and other related activities. Themes are: Strega Nona, Tomie dePaola's character, and Carnival Celebration. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's

Feb. 7, 14, 21, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other related activities. Themes are: Feeding the Birds, Love, and Our Teeth. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

Feb. 9 and 23, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, rhymes and special activities at each program. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm or Feb. 1, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, activity songs and a craft. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm, or Feb. 9 thru Mar. 16, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning January 24.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a special craft, play games and enjoy a treat. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

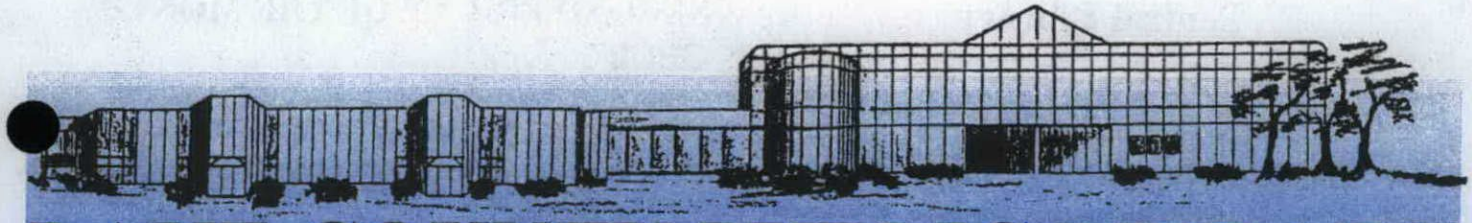
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning January 24.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Feb. 16, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate Black History Month with stories, games and a craft. Pre-register beginning January 31.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

Sally Benson, Editor
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Community. It is not only a place where we live, but also a place where we learn and grow. The Hobart Township Branches are a significant part of our communities. Here people gather to renew old friendships, research a topic, learn new skills or come for entertainment.

Patrons are vital to our libraries, as they make the library thrive. Without our patrons, libraries would be books and walls without character or feeling. Therefore, in honor of all who make our libraries special, the Hobart Township Branches designate March as Patron Appreciation Month.

HOBART TOWNSHIP BRANCHES CELBRATE PATRONS! New Chicago- March 16 Lake Station- March 22 and Hobart- March31

March 16th at New Chicago, the 22nd at Lake Station and the 31st at Hobart are Patron Appreciation Days. This is our way of saying thank you for all the materials used and checked out over the years. Stop in for a complimentary cup of coffee and cookie, and to let us know why the library is important to you and your family.

Throughout the month we will also be recognizing those patrons with library cards in good standing. Present a library card free of fines and receive an opportunity to choose from our chocolate prize basket.

These are not the only events occurring in March. All three locations will have something for everyone.

Let's begin with Hobart. Situated alongside Lake George, the library's new young adult area provides a wonderful view of the lakefront from a comfy bean bag chair. Curl up with the newest issue of *Cosmo Girl* or *Transworld Skateboarding* for the latest fads and techniques. Teens and preteens will also have an opportunity to learn proper babysitting skills from Miss Melissa while attending the Red Cross Babysitting Certification classes on March 28th and 29th.

Internet Safety is a hot topic and concern of many parents. On March 29th, a class will be offered to help educate parents and caregivers on the safe use of the Internet and how to protect their families.

In the last grips of Jack Frost, patrons suffering from arthritis may find our educational awareness lecture, co-sponsored by Lakeshore Bone and Joint Institute, helpful.

When visiting Hobart, take a closer look at our bulletin boards. Tucked away, we discovered photos from long ago. Perhaps you may recognize yourself in one of them.

If the events at Hobart are not to your liking, perhaps you would prefer something more relaxing. How about a brief chair massage? On March 24th at the New Chicago Branch, students from Sawyer College will offer complimentary seated chair massages for registered attendees. And let us not neglect our youngest patrons. School age children will enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17th with Miss Karin. The Lake Station branch will host another session of our Quilting Bee on March 2nd, a crochet class on March 11th and a teen book discussion on March 23rd.

Remember, March is your month at the Hobart Township Branches. Stop by for a visit and we will brighten your day with a smile.

Carol Daumer Gutjahr, *Hobart Township Manager*
Bridget Petrites, *Hobart Branch Clerk*

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Mark your calendars for April 30th
For the
Fifth Annual Literary Tea
This year's tea has a gardening theme just in time to get ready for spring! The program features Stan Sims, Master Gardener and Director of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, as he presents
"The Therapy of Gardening"

Afternoon tea will be served at 1:30 pm at the Central Library's Conference Room 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville

Cost: $15

Make your reservation now, as seating is limited. Call Public Relations at 769-3541, ext.317.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning February 15th, ext. 346.

GREAT DECISIONS

Mar. 8 and 22, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This discussion group is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Each month, a two week discussion will be held with a topic outlined by the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. A one-time fee of $5 covers the cost of the book. This month's topic is "The Middle East." Pre-register, ext. 339.

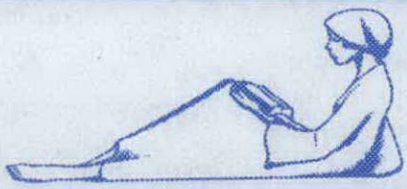
COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Pre-register beginning February 15th, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, the Middle East and the Caucasus* by Robert D. Kaplan. From Hungary through Turkey, Israel and Syria, from Azerbaijan to Turkmenistan and finally, Armenia, Kaplan reports on his journey over land and through history to the heart of the former Ottoman Empire, illuminating for us a volatile, oil-rich region which he describes as explosive, strategically important, the "new fault line between East and West." Pre-register, ext. 340.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

HEROINES IN FACT AND FICTION

In honor of Women's History Month

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Mar. 11, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature "Pros and Cons of Fad Diets" presented by Honna Kozik, registered dietician in private practice and columnist for the Post Tribune "Ask the Dietician." Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library, ext. 317.

GARDENING SERIES

Mar. 15, Tues. at 7pm. This month's gardening program kicks off the 2005 Gardening Series featuring Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Jim Colias will present how to care for your lawn during each month of the year; when to fertilize, the importance of aeration, and good watering practices. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning February 15th, ext. 346.

A LAUGH A DAY

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 2pm. Laughter is not only medicine for the soul, but is proven to be physically beneficial too. The average preschooler laughs 450 times a day; the average adult laughs only 15 times a day-on a good day. Corrine Powell, Extension Educator of Purdue University's Consumer and Family Sciences Education Program, will show how to add laughter and humor to your life as well as to the lives of others. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 334.

LONDON'S LESS TRAVELED TREASURES

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm. In this one hour lecture and slide presentation, experienced traveler and Anglophile, Linda Putnam, will show you a number of fascinating sites in London that are not usually visited by tourists, but are exciting and historical. Pre-register, 317.

DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY IN 2005: JOB HUNTING RESOURCES

Mar. 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Start your job search at the library using books, newspapers, videos, computer programs and the Internet to help you navigate the job hunting process successfully. Pre-register beginning February 15, ext. 346.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron asks, "Where can one find help in selecting a doctor from the Methodist Hospitals?"

A: Librarian gave patron the hospital's referral service toll free number 1-888-909-3627. The service provides information about physicians and appointments.

This information is from a Post Tribune article, "Customer Call Center Starting at Hospital", 12/01/2004

ARCHAEOLOGY ON THE KANKAKEE RIVER

Mar. 31, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Professor Mark Schurr from Notre Dame University will reveal his discoveries about what lies beneath the ground at the Collier Lodge from the dig last summer. Participants will learn how to get involved in the next dig. Artifacts will be on display. Co-sponsored by Kankakee Valley Historical Society. Pre-register, ext. 334.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem. In spite of his Tourette's Syndrome, Lionel "The Human Freakshow," has to become enough of a detective to find out who knifed his lifelong friend. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst. Paul Iverson's life changes the moment he returns home to find his wife Lexy has died in an accident with only their dog Lorelie as a witness. Paul decides he must find a way to communicate with Lorelie to find out what really happened. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

ADVANCED CROCHET CLASS

Mar. 1 and 8, Tues. at 11am. Donna Welch will teach a three week advanced crochet class. Participants should bring their favorite color of yarn and choice of crochet hooks. Projects will include a lap afghan, a ladies hat, and if time permits, a rose granny square. Pre-register.

AMERICAN WEST

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 1pm. Interested viewers will experience life on a working ranch in the American west and big sky country of Montana. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 16, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House. Clay's mother died when he was four and his father was already long-gone. Still, surrounded by a loving extended family, Clay learns to assemble the treasured pieces of his life. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

LOSING WEIGHT: THE POWER OF DIETARY CHANGE

Mar. 1, Tues. at 2pm. Corrine Powell, Extension Educator of Purdue University's Science Education Programs, will discuss with participants 50 ways to eat less and lose weight. Pre-register.

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TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Wed. from 1pm to 5pm. Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to the appointment. Counselors will not prepare business or farm tax returns. To schedule an appointment call the library.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Mar. 8, Tues. at 2pm. In the video *Petticoat Pioneers*, participants will view the accomplishments of women who braved the challenges of westward expansion, women who persevered in spite of hardship and danger, and women whose gift to the next generation was the chance of a better life. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Mar. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers will discuss *Three Men in a Boat: To Say Nothing of the Dog* by Jerome K. Jerome. This hilarious novel, written in the late 1880's, explores the timeless humor of human nature as three men and a dog take what is supposed to be a relaxing trip in an open boat down the Thames River. One funny episode after another will keep readers laughing aloud. Pre- register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Mar. 22, Tues. at 2pm. Viewers will enjoy an inside look at New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration, including music, carnival balls, parades and costumes. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Ladder of Years
by Anne Tyler

"Who has ever thought of just running away from home, responsibilities, family, and friends? Delia, wife of a Baltimore physician, leads a life that many would envy, but one day she walks away from everything and begins a new chapter of her life. Which life will she choose, and does she learn anything about herself?"

MB/Dyer-Schererville

Dance Upon the Air
by Nora Roberts

"Nell has a new name and created a new look for herself in order to escape a wealthy, abusive husband. With a job, a place to live, and a new friend, Mia, Nell has everything she needs to build a new life on Three Sisters Island. Zack, the sheriff, Ripley, Zack's sister and deputy, and Mia, a modern witch, all give Nell the tools she will need to keep the life she has."

MC/Hobart

Don't Look Back: An Inspector Sejer Mystery
by Karin Fossum

"A glimpse into a quiet community in Norway surprised by the murder of a teenaged girl. Inspector Sejer methodically uncovers the layers that conceal the crime. Good!"

MM/Reference

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Mar. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Viewers will explore the life and career of Karl Malden, a versatile actor whose working class characters have entertained millions, in the video *Karl Malden: A Workingman's Actor*. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Set during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, Larson tells the story of two men: Daniel Burnham, the architect and driving force behind the fair, and Henry H. Holmes, a sadistic serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 9, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature a speaker from the Now and Then Antique Shop to talk about Depression glass. These beautiful creations were often given away as premiums during the Depression. Now these delicate, colorful collectibles are treasured valuables. Come and learn about the different glassmakers. You are invited to bring a piece of depression glass to learn the value and pattern. The speaker will get to as many as possible. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

THE GOLDEN PLATE

Mar. 14, Mon. at 2pm. Corrine Powell, Extension Educator of Purdue University's Science Education Programs, will

present this program on how good nutrition and physical activity can improve your quality of life and may lower your risk for disease. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 15 or 22, Tues. at 1:30pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Important parts of the keyboard will also be covered. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 1.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 10:30am or Mar. 23, Wed. at 1:30pm. This class is the next step for beginners. Users will learn how to open and close programs and minimize windows. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 1.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Mar. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will journey through the state of Oregon, including the Columbia River Gorge, Crater Lake, Mt. Hood and the John Day Fossil Beds. Our trip includes visits to the Rose Festival, Bach Festival, Shakespearean Festival and the Pendleton Roundup. Follow the Oregon trail and learn about the dreams of the pioneers and the sophisticated culture of the Oregon Indian. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm or Mar. 29, Tues. at 1:30pm. Interested computer users will learn about what is available on the Internet and how to use search engines. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 1.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Poet* by Michael Connelly. Jack McEvoy, a Denver crime reporter, is faced with the stickiest case of his life. His twin brother Sean has been found dead in his car from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Jack doesn't believe his brother killed himself and after he researches other similar cases across the country, he becomes convinced his brother died at the hands of a serial killer known as "the poet." Pre-register beginning February 24.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *Some Like It Hot* starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe. Two musicians disguise themselves as women and join an all-female band in order to evade the Mafia, since they witnessed the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Pre-register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Mar. 30 and 31, Wed. and Thurs. from 12:30pm to 4pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this 2 day driver training program designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $10 is payable at the first class. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

PATRON APPRECIATION MONTH

During the month of March, patrons who have library cards free of fines will be able to pick from the prize pail as our way of saying "Thank You." For more information call the library.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Mar. 2, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will enjoy the daily life and take part in the history of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

Mar. 9, Wed. from 11am to 1pm. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants will need a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. A fee of $2 covers the cost of additional materials supplied. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Mar. 15, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Girl With a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier. History and fiction merge seamlessly in this luminous novel about artistic vision. Sixteen year-old Griet's, life is transformed by her brief encounter with genius even as she herself is immortalized in canvas and oil. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 17, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

INTERNET SAFETY

Mar. 29, Tues. at 2pm. Parents and their school-aged chil-

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dren, ages 10 and older, will learn tips for navigating the Internet safely. Pre-register.

PATRON APPRECIATION DAY

Mar. 31, Thurs. from 10am to 8pm. To express our gratitude for all the materials checked out and friendships made, patrons are invited to share coffee and cookies with the library staff throughout the day.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

PATRON APPRECIATION MONTH

During the month of March, patrons who have library cards free of fines will be able to pick from the prize pail as our way of saying "Thank You." For more information call the library.

QUILTING BEE

Mar. 2, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm. Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend this monthly quilting bee. Participants will learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabrics. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

Mar. 11, Fri. from 11am to 1pm. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants will need a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. A fee of $2 covers the cost of additional materials supplied. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 11, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

PATRON APPRECIATION DAY

Mar. 16, Wed. from 12:30pm to 8pm. To express our gratitude for all the materials checked out and friendships made, patrons are invited to share coffee and cookies with the staff throughout the day.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

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COFFEE 'N CHAT @ YOUR LIBRARY

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 2pm. Pour a cup of coffee, grab a cookie and chat with the township librarian to discuss ideas regarding future programming and the library's collection.

PATRON APPRECIATION DAY

Mar. 22, Tues. from 10am to 5:30pm. To express our gratitude for all the materials checked out and friendships made, patrons are invited to share coffee and cookies with the staff throughout the day.

ART OF MASSAGE

Mar. 24, Thurs. from 2pm to 3pm. Patrons will enjoy a fifteen minute seated chair massage by students from Sawyer College. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 1.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 1, Tues. at 1:30pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

TRANSFORMING YOUR PASSION INTO A BUSINESS

Mar. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm. Michael Fedele, CPA, will discuss how to transform your passion into a profitable business. He will discuss whether opening a business is right for you, what kind of business entity to choose, where to operate your business, marketing aspects, plus the planning, goals and details of running a business. Pre-register.

EXPLORE GERMANY

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will set out on a journey to look beyond the stereotypes and seek out the real Germany. Visit Berlin, the beaches of Sylt, Hamburg, Nuremberg and the Bavarian Alps. The journey will end with a mountain climbing expedition in the Bavarian Alps. Pre-register.

WHICH BUSINESS ENTITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Mar. 22, Tues. at 6:30pm. Mike Fedele, CPA, will discuss various options for small to medium-sized business owners and describe how to choose which one is best for specific businesses, whether it's a sole proprietorship, an S-corporation, a C-corporation or an LLC. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 24, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Unless* by Carol Shields. The story is of 44 year-old Reta Winters, a successful author of light fiction. Reta has always considered herself happy, even blessed. That is, until her oldest daughter, Norah, mysteriously drops out of college to become a panhandler on a Toronto street corner-wearing a sign around her neck bearing the word "Goodness." Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *On Liberty* by John Stuart Mill. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books.* A one-time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Mar. 1, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:15pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 14, Mon. from 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SKIN CARE TIPS

Mar. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm. An experienced beauty consultant will show participants how to use various products and techniques to create clear, smooth, radiant skin. Tips will include cleansing, moisturizing, lip care and aging. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Mar. 16, Wed. at 7pm. Participants will uncover the mysteries and surprises of the British Isles via large-screen display. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Mar. 30, Wed. at 7pm or Mar. 31, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Keeping Faith* by Jodi Picoult. When her mother lapses into severe depression after a divorce, 7 year-old Faith finds comfort in an imaginary friend. But when Faith starts quoting Bible passages, performing miracles, and developing stigmata, she and her mother become embroiled in a fight with the media, the legal system and organized religion. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

National Women's History Project – www.nwhp.org
March is National Women's History Month and this is the project's official site. The "Learning Place" provides numerous links to resources, such as biographies, women's museums, and the women's rights movement.

Encyclopedia.com – www.encyclopedia.com
This website offers more than 57,000 articles from the Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition. Every article is free and enhanced with links to full-text magazine and newspaper articles as well as pictures and maps.

Old Farmer's Almanac – www.almanac.com
Has many of the same features of the print almanac including long range weather forecasts, cooking recipes, and gardening tips.

FoodSafety.gov – www.foodsafety.gov
Provides links to U.S. Government information for consumers and producers, educational material, alerts, and reporting of illnesses and problems.

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private schools, your Children's Librarians visit over 340 children weekly in their classrooms to promote literacy and the love of reading.

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LCPL Book Sale Room

1/2 OFF SALE

Tuesday, March 22nd from 2pm to 8pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

NESTING BALLS

Mar. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate the return of our feathered friends by creating a nesting ball for them. Pre-register.

TIME TRAVELERS

Mar. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will start a tomato garden for a window sill. They will also hear more from *Don't You Know There's a War On?* by Avi. Pre-register.

FOAM BIRDS

Mar. 23, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will turn craft foam into spring birds. Pre-register.1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Mar. 10 and 24, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 to 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, songs and other fun activities. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 4pm. Members of the Teen Advisory Board (and those wishing to join) will eat, play games and plan programs for teens & younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Pre- register.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will hear tales of the Irish, play a game, make a craft and enjoy some lucky leprechaun pudding. Pre-register.

FAMILY STORYTIME: CELEBRATING HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

Mar. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children of all ages will celebrate the birthday of Hans Christian Andersen by listening to his fairy tales, then participate in telling of some of them. They will also make puppets to use at home, watch a movie and more. Pre-register.

SPRING BREAK LUAU

Mar. 29, Tues. at 3:30pm. Teens, ages 12 and older, will enjoy an island break with Hawaiian food and fun. Pre-register.

CREATE A COLLAGE

Mar. 31, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will celebrate Youth Art Month and learn collage techniques by observing the works of several childrens book authors. Participants will then make their own paper collage creation. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 16, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and related activities with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

TODDLER BUNNIES

Mar. 14, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy bunny books and active songs, then make a simple bunny craft. Pre-register beginning March 1.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

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Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
MARCH 2005



LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will make kites and learn about the wind through stories and games. Pre-register, ext. 360.

THE MAGIC OF HARRY HOUDINI

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate the life of Harry Houdini by learning some new illusions and tricks of the trade. They will participate in tricky stories, games and crafts. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

RABBITS AND DINOSAUR EGGS

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a rockin' rabbit and then hatch a dinosaur egg. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

RABBITS AND DINOSAUR EGGS

Mar. 9, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a rockin' rabbit and then hatch a dinosaur egg. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 15, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students in grades 5 or higher that are interested in volunteering at the library should contact Mrs. Cashman for further details. Volunteers work after school and on some Saturdays for one to two-hour time periods. Duties include helping with book displays, bulletin boards, crafts, and children's programs.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Mar. 2 and 16, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 3 will enjoy stories, games, refreshments and other theme related activities. Themes are: Trinka Noble's book character Jimmy's Boa, and windmills. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's

Mar. 7, 14 and 21, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this program filled with stories, music, crafts and other theme related activities. Themes are: Names, Green, and Kites. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's

Mar. 8, 15 and 22, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy this program filled with stories, music, videos, crafts and other related activities. Themes are Names, Green, and Kites. Pre- registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

WEE ONES

Mar. 9 and 23, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with caregivers, will become acquainted with all the library has to offer for this age group – stories, toys, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes, and other simple activities designed especially for them. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm, or Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week.

MARCH FOR MONOPOLY

Mar. 19, Sat. at 10am. Young adults, ages 11 to 16, will play Monopoly. The history and trivia of the game will be shared. Participants may bring their own Monopoly games to share. Pre-register.

EGGSTRAORDINARY KIDS

Mar. 21, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will decorate eggs with tissue paper and fashion a basket to carry them home. Participants should bring two whole, empty eggshells. For more information about the eggs, call the library. Pre-register beginning March 7.

TODDLER SPRING TIME

Mar. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm or Mar. 29, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, ages 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and activities with a spring theme. Pre-register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

EXPERIMENTING WITH SOUND

Mar. 23, Wed. at 4pm. In celebration of Alexander Graham Bell's birthday, children in grades K and higher will perform experiments with sound and make their own can telephone. Pre-register beginning March 7.

SORRY SOIREE

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 4pm. Dismal refreshments, menacing Mad Libs, sinister games and dastardly disguises will fill this party for children in grades 2 thru 6 with despair. Do not feel obligated to read any books in the *Series of Unfortunate Events* series by Lemony Snicket. Those foolhardy enough to attend must pre-register beginning March 1.

QUACK, QUACK, QUACK

Mar. 28, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy a story time filled with ducks and a simple ducky craft. Pre-register beginning March 14.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 16, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other activities, with a different theme each week. Pre- register.

HOBART JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will create a unique garden project with the help of Hobart Garden Club members. Pre-register beginning March 1.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Mar. 18, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning March 1.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING

Mar. 28 and 29, Mon. and Tues. from 1pm to 5pm. A Red Cross Babysitting Course will be taught for children ages 11 and old Attendance is limited. Fee of $25 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of registration. Visit the library to register beginning March 7.

INTERNET SAFETY

Mar. 29, Tues. at 2pm. Parents and their school-aged children, ages 10 and older, will learn tips for navigating the Internet safely. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Storyhour continues thru Mar. 14, Mon. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mar. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K thru 5 will learn about new books at the library, hear a St. Patrick's Day story, then make a St. Patrick's Day craft. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

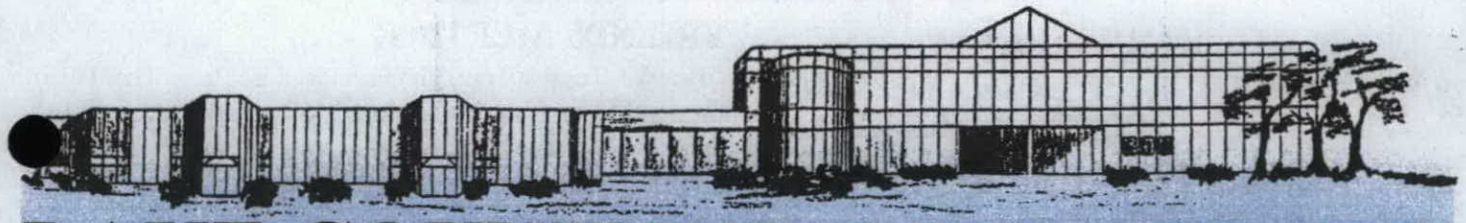
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Mar. 17, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K thru 5 will learn about new books at the library, hear a St. Patrick's Day story, then make a St. Patrick's Day craft. Pre-register.

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COMPUTER CLASSES AT GRIFFITH BRANCH

Not yet sure how to use a computer? Is your computer gathering dust because you just don't like fumbling around, trying to figure it out? Thinking about getting a computer? Twice a year, the Griffith Branch offers a series of three free classes covering the basics of computer-ology. Sign up for one, two or all three. We don't promise to turn you into a geek, but you will have a start on using a computer with confidence.

GRIFFITH BRANCH OFFERS COMPUTER CLASSES TWICE PER YEAR
A series of three to suit your skill level.

"Meet the Mouse" is for people with little or no computer skills. In other words, if you've never touched a computer (not even played with one in the stores), this is the place to start. We concentrate on moving the mouse, clicking, and important parts of the keyboard. Get an overview of the parts of a computer and how they work, in plain English. Then, learn how to click and what happens when you do.

"Basic Windows" offers training to enable you to use computers at the library, (e.g., using a mouse, opening & closing programs, minimizing, etc.). Learning the basics of one Windows program, gives you a start on any Windows program because they all have some common ways of working. We'll use the Microsoft Word word processor, to learn the landscape of Windows programs. When we're through, you won't be an expert but you will be ready to write this year's Christmas letter or your great American novel (assuming you already have a great American novel in you).

In "Navigating the 'Net", you'll learn what can be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines. Knowledge of basic Windows is required. If you took the "Basic Windows" class, you're ready for "Navigating the 'Net". You definitely don't have to be an expert, but you do need to be comfortable with using the mouse. After a brief explanation of what the Internet is, and isn't, we'll discuss safety on the 'Net. Then we move on to "surfing the Web" – how to type in an Internet address to get to a Web site, and how to search using a search engine.

These are hands-on classes. You will be sitting at a computer to learn by doing, not just get a lecture. A mobile lab of laptop computers will be at the Griffith Branch for three weeks in April. During that time, we will offer this series of classes three times. So, you have three opportunities for each of the classes but, space is limited – there are only seven computers, so only seven people are in each class. This limited size means classes fill up quickly, but it also means we have time for personal attention. No one gets left behind. We speak English in these classes, not computer-ese, but you'll be able to sling the lingo with the best of them when we're through. No tests, no pop quizzes, no term papers – of course that means there's no diploma, either – but it is fun and easy. No one's left my classes crying (or swearing), yet.

Mark Furukawa
Branch Manager
Calumet Township

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National Library Week

April 10-16

Celebrate National Library Week with us. Visit the Central Library and submit your entry for a chance to win our Reader's Gift Basket. Join us for refreshments in the meeting rooms from 10-4 on Saturday. The grand prize drawing will be held Saturday, April 16th at 4 pm.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

JANE AUSTEN: 18th CENTURY AUTHOR, 21st CELEBRITY

Apr. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm. Barbara Goodman, Director of the English Program at Calumet College of St. Joseph, will discuss Jane Austen's writings and what made her writings unusual, if not radical, in her lifetime. The talk will then examine why this 18th century author who published anonymously as a "lady," is so popular with filmmakers and movie audiences. Sponsored by *Friends of Lake County Public Library*. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 6, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning March 15, ext. 346.

THE END OF THE BEATLES

Apr. 6, Wed at 7 pm. In April of 1970, Paul McCartney announced that he didn't plan to work with the Beatles any longer. Join Post Tribune entertainment writer, Bob Kostanczuk along with Chad Clifford, of the local Beatle tribute band, The Beatle Nerds, as they provide some history of the group and what led to the final break-up 35 years ago. A live performance will be featured that evening. Pre-register, ext. 317.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Apr. 8, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature *Ghost Hunting* by David Tice. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call the library, ext. 317.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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Re-told Fairy Tales and Folklore

to honor Hans Christian Andersens' 200 year anniversary

FRIENDS MEETING

Apr. 12, Tues. at 1pm. The Friends of LCPL will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Board Room. All current members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the *Friends*, call Public Relations, ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS

Apr. 12 and 26, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This discussion group is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Twice a month a discussion will be held on a topic outlined by the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. A one-time fee of $5 covers the cost of the book. This month's topic is "Russia." Pre-register, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 13, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Pre-register beginning March 15, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *On The Hills of God* by Ibrahim Fawal. Fawal's story is of a young Palestinians' year-long journey while becoming a man, and how his life starts to crumble around him as his life changes dramatically with the founding of Israel in 1948. Pre-register, ext. 340.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 20, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning March 15, ext. 346.

THE CHALLENGE OF HEALTHY RESTAURANT EATING

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 2pm. Corrine Powell, Extension Educator of Purdue University's Consumer and Family Sciences Education Program will offer tips on how to survive eating out and making healthy restaurant selections. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 334.

DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY: SMART TRAVELERS USE THE LIBRARY

Apr. 27, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Smart travelers know that when planning a trip, the best place to start is at the library. You can travel to your destination first by viewing a travel DVD, check out the latest *Mobil Travel Guide*, and make reservations using the Internet. Pre-register beginning March 15, ext. 346.

Fifth Annual Literary Tea

The Lake County Public Library Foundation
Presents
The Fifth Annual Literary Tea
Saturday, April 30, 2005
"The Therapy of Gardening"
Stan Sims, Guest Speaker
Master Gardener
Director, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service
Afternoon tea will be served promptly at 1:30 pm
Central Library's Conference Room
1919 West 81st Avenue • Merrillville, IN 46410
RSVP by April 21, 2005
Limited Seating

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm. Poetry lovers, ages 12 and older, will have their "five minutes of fame" when they share original or old favorite poems. Poetry lovers who just want to listen are welcome too! Pre-register, ext. 334.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Apr. 30, May 7, 14 and 21, from 10am to 11:30am. Larry Sharp, executive director of the International Institute, will prepare students for the test and interview required to become a United States citizen. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Cold Case* by Linda Barnes. While a madman is in prison for the 24 year-old murder of genius author Thea Jan, someone is demanding chapter by chapter blackmail of the author's family, writing as only Thea could. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of one of the greatest books of all time - *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 5, Tues. at 2pm, or Apr. 11, Mon. at 6pm or Apr. 23, Sat. at 10am. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Important parts of the keyboard will also be covered. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 21.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 6, Wed. at 2pm, or Apr. 12, Tues. at 6pm or Apr. 23, Sat. at 1pm. This class is the next step for beginners. Users will learn how to open and close programs, and minimize windows. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 21.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 2pm, or Apr. 13, Wed. at 6pm or Apr. 23, Sat. at 3pm. Interested computer users will learn about what is available on the Internet and how to use search engines. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning March 21.

MYSTERIOUS EAST

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 1pm. Interested viewers will experience forts and palaces of Rajasthan, India, and kayak tropical Thailand. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 20, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton-Porter. Elenora, born in poverty and loved by all who meet her except her Mother, strives to use her artistic skills to gain an education. This is a "classic" you won't have to slog through. Pre-register.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 25, Mon. at 11am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts. Roberts' story is how he developed an ability to communicate improved behavioral skills to horses with a history of abuse or other social problems and how this vocation impacts his life. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 4, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint a lilac landscape on a 7" x 9" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Apr. 6 and 13, Wed. from 1pm to 5pm. Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to the appointment. Counselors will not prepare business or farm tax returns. To schedule an appointment, call the library.

SCRAPBOOKING

Apr. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm. This free class is for beginning and experienced scrapbookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page with a spring theme. The instructor, Kathy Burdick, will provide necessary materials. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Apr. 12, Tues. at 2pm. Daniel Boone's life has been dramatized so often that fact and fiction have merged into legend. Take a look at what is really known about the man who survived Indian captures and advised presidents. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 16, Sat. at 9:30am. Participants will paint a mountain range landscape on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

IMPROVING YOUR MEMORY

Apr. 19, Tues. at 2pm. Corrine Powell, Extension Educator of Purdue University's Consumer and Family Sciences Education Program, will discuss memory, the factors that affect it and ways to improve it. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Apr. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All American Meal* by Eric Schlosser. This insightful, thought-provoking book issues a biting, informative, at times surprising, and humorous, well-written indictment of some of America's favorite food and the industry behind it. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

Apr. 20, Wed. at 7pm. Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Knitters should bring worsted weight yarn and knitting needles. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Apr. 26, Tues. at 2pm. Viewers will visit Europe's largest wilderness area, stretching from Norway, Sweden and Finland, northwards for 1,000 miles to the Arctic Circle. Travel to the remote Svalbard Islands to experience three unforgettable seasons-from the first light of spring, through an action-packed summer, to the first snows of autumn. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

As you join the ranks of individuals researching their family history, don't forget that your library offers you the following genealogy databases to help you with your search:

HeritageQuest Online

This database is designed for people who are just beginning their family research or who after years of work are still uncovering their past. With over 25,000 books, the entire U.S. Federal Census, PERSI (an index of over 1.6 million genealogy and local history articles), and other expanding collections, Heritage QuestOnline gives searchers the chance to tap in to one of the largest collections of genealogy material in the country.

AncestryPlus Online

With over 1.2 billion records in over 3,000 databases, AncestryPlus is the most comprehensive online source of information for conducting genealogical and local history research available. Included in AncestryPlus are the digitized images of the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 forward, the American Genealogical Biographical Index, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, and much more.

For more information regarding either of these databases, contact the Reference Department at 769-3541.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Apr. 4, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Examine the most famous sea disasters and the many dangers of maritime travel. See how infamous disasters sparked changes in safety equipment and regulation, but fail to eliminate all risks. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 12, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. This classic traces the friendship and adventures of Bishop Jean Latour and Father Joseph Valliant as they organize the new Roman Catholic Diocese of New Mexico. Friends since their childhood in France, the clerics triumph over a corrupt Spanish priest, natural adversity, and the indifference of the native Indians to building a cathedral in the wilderness. Pre- register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 13, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am. Program information to be announced. Please contact the bank at 972-7317 for more information and to pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Apr. 18, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will begin their tour in Budapest and head east through Romania's Transylvania region ending their journey in Bucharest. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Apr. 25, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *The Producers* starring Mel Brooks, Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel. Two producers plan to make a fortune by producing a sure-fire flop musical, "Springtime for Hitler." Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Fury* by G.M. Ford. Frank Corso, a journalist once vilified for making up facts on a crime story, is the only man Leanne Samples will trust to tell the world that her courtroom testimony that put Walter Leroy "Trashman" Himes on death row is a lie. While many want to see Trashman executed, including the police, Frank makes inquiries into case. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Apr. 6, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey across the Australian continent and see wild kangaroos, unusual wild life and rock formations. In New Zealand travelers will visit beautiful parks and follow the rugged shoreline to the city of Invercargill. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

Apr. 13, Wed. at 11am. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Apr. 19, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people are thrown together, including American opera star Roxane Coss and Mr. Hosokawa, a Japanese CEO and her biggest fan. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 21, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 26, Tues. at 10am. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

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RETIRED STAFF

After fifty years of service, Phyllis Nowaczyk, retired from the Lake County Public Library's Highland Branch. A native of Kent, England, Mrs. Nowaczyk settled in the area after meeting her husband during World War II. She has served the Highland Branch in many ways including coordination of children's programs and in a supervisory capacity. When asked what she will miss most, she replied, "I'll miss the people I work with and the people who come into the library. They have given me so many memories. I have watched many of them grow up! It's been a happy time for me."

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 27, Wed. at 10am. This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 10am. Participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Apr. 6, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm. Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend this monthly quilting bee. Participants will learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabrics. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 8, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

CROCHET CLASS

Apr. 8, Fri. at 11am. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

COFFEE 'N CHAT @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 13, Wed. at 2pm. Pour a cup of coffee, grab a cookie and chat with the township librarian. She will discuss ideas regarding future programming and the library's collection. Pre-register.

DONATION RECEIVED

Tri-Kappa donated $500 to the Hobart Branch recently. The gift will be designated for children's materials. The Lake County Public Library depends on donations like this to purchase new books and other materials. Thank you Tri Kappa!

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Apr. 13, Wed. at 7pm. Jim Colias, Master Gardener, will teach participants how to care for their lawn each month, including when to fertilize, the importance of aeration and what constitutes good watering practices. Pre-register.

EXPLORE TAHITI

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will enjoy the 118 islands of French Polynesia. Experience French culture and Pacific charm in one of the world's dream tourist destinations. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 28, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Jeremiah Land, and children Reuben, Davy and Swede find their lives upended when Davy kills two teenage boys who have come to harm the family. On the morning of the sentencing, Davy escapes from his cell and the Lands set out in search of him. Their search is at once a heroic quest, a tragedy, a love story and a haunting meditation on the possibility of magic in the everyday world. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare. This is a selection

from the *Third Series of Great Books*. A one-time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Apr. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT

Apr. 11 thru Apr. 16, Mon. thru Sat., during library open hours. There's "Something For Everyone @ Your Library" during National Library week. Teens and adults are invited to answer a few simple questions about the library to be entered in a prize drawing to be held on April 16. Winner need not be present and will be notified by phone. For more information, call the library.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 11, Mon. from 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

CREDIT REPAIR CLINIC

Apr. 18, Mon. at 7pm. A loan consultant will reveal how credit reports may prevent individuals from getting the lowest rates on credit cards, auto loans and mortgages. Participants will learn how to read a credit report, communicated with creditors to remove errors, resolve issues and improve your credit profile. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Apr. 20, Wed. at 7pm. The state of Washington is home to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. Participants will view the festival via large-screen video and marvel at the color and variety of tulips. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 23, Sat. from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Participants will paint blossoms on a 6" x 8" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Beginners are welcome. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Apr. 27, Wed. at 7pm or Apr. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Precious Ramotswe is not the average private detective. She's the only female P.I. in Botswana and her methods rely largely on female instinct. This is the first entry in a series that has changed the face of the detecting genre. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Professional Golfers' Association – www.pga.com
Get golf information, golf tournament updates and golf news from the official site of the PGA of America.

Hans Christian Andersen – www.hca2005.com
The Hans Christian Andersen 2005 Foundation handles public relations related to the bicentenary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen. The foundation aims at promoting the wider awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Hans Christian Andersen, born April 2, 1805. Site has an extensive biography, list of works, timeline, interactive quizzes and games.

NCADD – www.ncadd.org
April is Alcohol Awareness Month sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. This is a volunteer health organization providing education, information, help and hope. Website includes alcoholism facts and youth information.

50 States – www.50states.com
This easy-to-use website provides a wealth of information on each state, including the state bird, flower, flag, nickname, governor, constitution, county profiles and more.

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Tuesday, April 23rd from 9:30a.m. to 4pm.

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

SPRING BREAK FUN

Apr. 6, Wed. at 3pm. Indiana University Northwest Communication students Tawana Greer, Lindsay Wellons, Erica Strange, Jason Bates and Catrina Pierce will lead this program of fun and games for elementary school children. Pre-register, ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
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LET'S MAKE MUSIC

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will learn about music through stories, songs, games and a craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

IT CAME FROM THE SKY

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will hear stories, play games and make a craft about things like raindrops, thunderstorms and lightning. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm. Poetry lovers, ages 12 and older, will have their "five minutes of fame" when they share original or old favorite poems. Poetry lovers who just want to listen are welcome too! Pre-register, ext. 334.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

FUNNY PUTTY

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and up will enjoy a funny story or two, then make "funny putty." Pre-register. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

FUNNY PUTTY

Apr. 13, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will enjoy a funny story or two, then make "funny putty." Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

SUPERTOTS

Apr. 5, 12, 19 and 26, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this four week program filled with books, music, finger plays and games, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

RAIN STICKS

Apr. 13, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a rain stick from paper towel tubes. Pre-register.

TIME TRAVELERS

Apr. 20, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will hear more from *Don't You Know There's a War On?* by Avi, then do World War II weather watching by making a wind vane. Pre-register.

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OLD MAN IS SNORING

Apr. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will use a balloon and a paper bowl to make an old man from *It's Raining, It's Pouring.* Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

WEE ONES

Apr. 5, 12 and 19, Tues. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and developmental toys. Pre-register.

SNACK AND PLAN

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 4pm. Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time for attending this meeting. Pre-register.

PAJAMA STORY TIME FAMILY FUN

Apr. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm. Families will celebrate National Library Week with a variety of fun activities. Children may wear their pajamas to this special story time. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Apr. 14 and 28, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and other fun activities. Pre-register.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will celebrate National Library Week by listening to new and favorite stories, then they will make a bookmark and play a library trivia game. Pre-register.

BOOKS 'N SNACK

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 4pm. Readers will discuss *The Thousand Orcs* by R.A. Salvatore. This first book of a new trilogy in the Forgotten Realms continues the story of the popular hero, dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden and his friends. In this fast moving story, they confront a plot by orcs and frost giants to terrorize the North and conquer human and dwarvish settlements there. Pre-register.

FAMILY STORY TIME: SPRING FLING

Apr. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm. All ages will enjoy this celebration of spring with stories, crafts, music and more. Pre-register.

SPRING ON DOWN TO THE LIBRARY

Apr. 26, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear favorite stories including *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, then play a color game and make a craft. Pre-register.

BACKWARDS DAY

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will enjoy Backwards Day by listening to a story backwards, creating backwards art and other fun activities. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES - SHOO FLY!

Apr. 6, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Those pesky flies will be the focus of this story hour for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register beginning March 21.

LET'S GET DRESSED

Apr. 11, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about getting dressed, participate in active songs and create a simple craft. Pre-register beginning March 28.

PRETZELMANIA

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm. In honor of National Soft Pretzel Month, children in grades K thru 6 will participate in pretzel-related activities and a pretzel to take home. Pre-register beginning March 28.

BUSY BEES - BUZZZZ!

Apr. 20, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about those honey-loving, buzzing bees and sing songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning April 4.

SHOWERS AND FLOWERS

Apr. 25, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy springtime tales of showers and flowers, along with other related activities. Pre-register beginning April 11.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Apr. 13, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy spring stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning March 31.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Apr. 15, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy spring stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning March 31.

WEE ONES

Apr. 20, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 19 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy a special spring story time. Pre-register beginning April 6.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Apr. 23, Sat. at 2pm. Children in grades K and higher will learn about spring planting and flowers with the assistance of the Hobart Garden Club. Pre-register beginning April 6.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

RAINY DAY STORY HOUR

Apr. 18, Mon. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear a variety of stories and participate in songs, finger plays and crafts about the rain. Pre-register.

MOVIE TIME

Apr. 20, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K thru 5 will watch the movie, *Matilda*. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 27, Wed. at 6pm. Teens in grades 4 thru 12 will discuss the book *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Lemonade and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

RAINY DAY STORY HOUR

Apr. 19, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear a variety of stories and participate in songs, finger plays and crafts about the rain. Pre-register.

FINDING NEMO

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K thru 3, will watch the movie, *Finding Nemo*. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students in grades 5 or higher that are interested in volunteering at the library should contact Mrs. Cashman for further details. Volunteers work after school and on some Saturdays for one to two-hour time periods. Duties include helping with book displays, bulletin boards, crafts and children's programs. For more information, call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's

Apr. 4, 11 and 18, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other related activities. Themes are: Golden Rule Week, How Does Your Garden Grow?, and Woodsy Owl. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

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FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's

Apr. 5, 12 and 19, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, videos, crafts and other related activities with a different theme each week. Themes are: Golden Rule Week, How Does Your Garden Grow?, and Woodsy Owl. Pre-registration is not required. For mo information, call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Apr. 6 and 20, Wed. at 4pm. School-age children in grades K and higher will enjoy stories, crafts and refreshments with a different theme each week. Themes are: Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline and Celebration of our Senses Day. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

Apr. 13 and 27, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a special toy time. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

APRIL SHOWERS

Apr. 5, Tues. at 1:30pm or Apr. 6, Wed. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear rain stories, match clouds to raindrops, practice puddle jumping and watch a film. Pre-register.

WEE ONES

Apr. 7 and 14, Thurs. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and toys. Pre-register.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK FAMILY FUN

Apr. 9, Sat. from 2pm to 3pm. To kick off National Library Week, April 11 thru 15, families may visit the library for stories, games, a craft and a library scavenger hunt. Those who complete the scavenger hunt will receive a treat. Children should bring a photo of themselves for the craft. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME RHYMES

Apr. 11, Mon. at 6:30pm or Apr. 12, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate Young People's Poetry Week with nursery rhymes in stories and songs. Pre-register.

TEEN MAKEOVER

Apr. 19, Tues. at 6:30pm. Teen girls, ages 12 to 18, will create a great new look with help from an experienced beauty consultant and a wide selection of cosmetics - just in time for prom. Attendance is limited. Pre-register. Fee of $1 helps cover the cost of materials provided.

BUTTERFLIES AND FLOWERS

Apr. 25, Mon. at 11am or Apr. 26, Tues. at 6:30pm. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories and activities about butterflies and flowers. Pre-register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SPRING CELEBRATION

Apr. 5, Tues. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate spring with stories, finger plays and music, then make a craft. Pre-register beginning March 21.

DAFFYNITION

Apr. 23, Sat. at 11am. In celebration of International Daffynitions Month, children in grades 5 and higher will hear and create a list of daffynitio also known as a goofy and humorous definition of a word. Pre-register beginning April 4.

B IS FOR BIRD

Apr. 26, Tues. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about birds, finger plays and action songs, then make a craft. Pre-register beginning April 11.

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ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2005

While **Hidden Treasures** are always to be found on the shelves of the Lake County Public Library, participants in our Adult Summer Reading Program once again will have the opportunity to delve for extra valuables in the form of special prizes!

During this eight-week event, which runs from June 6 through July 30, three winners at each branch location will be selected every Monday morning by random drawing from the entry blanks received the previous week. One entry blank per book read or listened must be submitted by 5:00 Saturday to be eligible for that week's prize. Entry forms will be available at all library locations, as well as a treasure trove of books, tapes, and helpful suggestions for reading enjoyment.

2005 Summer Reading Program June 6 through July 30

The special treasures this year will include a big blue mug just waiting for the perfect beverage to enhance your reading experience; a package of notecards; and a coupon good for 5 free books from our Book Sale Room or at any book sale held by the library. In addition, at the end of the program, a grand prize winner at each location will be selected from **all** the entries submitted at that location. These lucky winners will be awarded a $25 gift certificate from Borders or Barnes & Noble!

So hoist your sails and cruise by your favorite LCPL branch location this summer! You'll find a great cache of **Hidden Treasure** just waiting for you!

GET READY TO HUNT FOR "HIDDEN TREASURES"

Pirates, treasure maps, sunken ships, trunks of coins and BOOKS are among the valuables to be discovered during our Summer Reading Program entitled "Hidden Treasures". Hidden treasures may also be things hidden away in forgotten attics or in other out of the way places which may make for interesting programs and activities for children from June 6th until July 30th.

Every branch will have weekly programs for a variety of ages plus the real "reading" portion in which families can participate at any time. Several branches will also feature performers such as balloon artists, puppeteers, clowns, or animal guests. All programs will be listed in "Happenings."

Storyhours will be presented for preschool and primary grade children, including reading aloud several books, music, crafts and possibly a video.

For the "Reading" part of Summer Reading, each branch will have the children record books they return each visit on a tally card which is filed at the library. When books are returned, staff or volunteers will verify the number of books read and record the totals on the child's tally card. For every 5 books read, the child will be able to select a prize, such as assorted small toys or coupons from area businesses.

The reading activity is non-competitive. Children receive the rewards for the number of books they have read. Children should be reading books appropriate for their school reading level. Parents may read aloud to toddlers and preschoolers and may read to or assist very beginning independent readers.

Library staff at each branch will be happy to assist the children in finding books that are age appropriate. Books may be recorded and prizes selected anytime during the library hours.

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2005 Gardening Series

Every third Tuesday of the month, join the group as they get the inside info on various gardening topics. Master gardeners can achieve advanced training by attending these programs.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

TOEFL TEST PREPARATION CLASS

May 2, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This is a test preparation class for those taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The test evaluates English proficiency for speakers of other languages and is used as an admission requirement for entrance into higher education. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 4, Wed. at 6pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning April 15th, ext. 346.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

May 7, 14, and 21, Sat. from 10am to 11:30am Larry Sharpe, executive director of the International Institute, will prepare students for the test and interview required to become a United States citizen. Pre-register, ext. 309.

GREAT DECISIONS-OUTSOURCING JOBS

May 10 and 24, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This discussion group is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Twice a month a discussion will be held on a topic outlined by the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. A one-time fee of $5 covers the cost of the book. This month's topic is "Outsourcing Jobs." Pre-register, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

May 11, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm. This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and basic information about Windows. Pre-register beginning April 15th, ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



POLONAISE

Anything and everything Polish

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

May 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Tales of Africa s[illegible] fused with a love of the land and a deep respect for its people by Baroness Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen), who owned and operated a coffee plantation in Kenya from 1914 to 1931. This is the Circle of Readers annual classic selection. Pre-register ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB - MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

May 13, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature a "Mother's Day Celebration," a musical event provided by String Fever Dulcimer performers. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call the library at ext. 317.

GARDENING SERIES

May 17, Tues. at 7pm. This month's gardening program will feature "Perennial Gardening" by Dolly Foster. The gardening series features Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners can achieve advanced traini[illegible] hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext. 31[illegible]

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 18, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning April 15th, ext. 346.

STARTING A BUSINESS AND RECORDKEEPING

May 20, Fri. from 9:30am to 4pm This workshop covers the various types of entities, and the tax forms completed for each entity type. Rules and guidelines are covered regarding business income and deductible expenses such as, vehicle, travel, entertainment, business and use of the home, as well as keeping records for both income and expenses. Co-sponsored by the IRS. Class size minimum of 10. Registration ends one week before the program. Pre-register, ext. 334.

CLASSICAL SPRING

May 23, Mon. at 7pm. An evening of classical music with The Calumet Chamber Musicians is sure to delight m[illegible] lovers. The performance features local musician, John Wachala, on flute. Upcoming area concerts this summer in Northwest Indiana and Chicago will also be discussed. Pre-register, ext. 317.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Patron asks, "I am looking for a book but I can't remember the title or the author. It's a story about a family vacationing in an old inn during Christmas. The inn is run by a family that dresses in Civil War costumes."

A: Answer: The librarian found the book by using the database, NoveList. This database is an electronic readers' advisory resource available to library patrons. Using the "Describe a Plot" search on NoveList, the librarian entered the words, "family, Christmas, and Civil War." The patron read the reviews for the first book on the list – *A Magical Christmas* by Heather Graham and exclaimed, "that's it!"

DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY-EXPAND YOUR READING HORIZONS

May 25, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. You've read all your favorite authors and are wandering the fiction aisles without a clue. Let us show you how to discover new favorites. Pre-register at ext. 346.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Please call the Black Oak Branch for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *You Only Die Twice* by Edna Buchanan. A perfectly tanned, perfectly manicured corpse washes up on a Miami beach. So, how come her husband is already on death row for murdering her 10 years ago? Pre-register beginning April 11.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 23, Mon. at 6:30pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Somewhere in South America, a band of 18 terrorists enters a mansion where a visiting Japanese industrialist is being honored on his birthday. Terms and demands are tossed back and forth, as the days stretch into weeks then months as Swiss Red Cross negotiator Joachim Messner tries to unravel the situation. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

SKIN CARE

May 3, Tues. at 7pm Maryann Lovas will discuss Artistry Products and how to promote good skin care habits. She will relate diet and lifestyle to healthy skin and demonstrate early care as factors in preserving the skin's youthful appearance. Pre-register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

May 6, Fri. from 10am to 2pm and May 7, Sat. from 10am to 2pm June P. Laws, an AARP representative, will teach this 2-day driver training program designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $10 is payable at the time of the class. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning April 26.

EUROPEAN MOUNTAINS

May 12, Thurs. at 1pm. Interested viewers will experience the mountains of Ziller Valley and Zell Am See, Austria, and the Pyrenees Mountains in Spain and France. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 18, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. Late one night a teenage couple leaves a cardboard box at the front gate of the Blessing Estate. Skip Cuddy, the caretaker, finds the baby and decides to keep her, and Lydia Blessing, for her own reasons, decides to help him. Pre-register beginning April

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NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

May 23, Mon at 1pm. Participants are invited to the discussion of *April 1865: The Month That Saved America* by Jay Winik. Re-live the emotional and painful last days of the Civil War. Winik studies the people, forces and events that led to General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses Grant at Appomattox. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

GET UP AND GET MOVING

May 3, Tues. at 2pm Corrine Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator, will discuss many fun ways to exercise that will have a positive impact on your health. Pre-register.

SCRAPBOOKING

May 4, Wed. at 6:30pm.This free class is for beginning and experienced scrapbookers. Participants should bring pictures and any other materials they would like to be used in a spring theme page. Kathy Burdick, scrapbooking consultant, will provide other necessary material for this project. Pre-register.

PAINT AND BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 7, Sat. at 9:30am.Participants will paint pears and grapes in a bowl on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: EXPLORING ANTARTICA

May 10, Tues. at 2pm.Viewers will explore the fascinating history of this desolate continent and learn about the enormous contrasts of the landscape and wildlife that survive in seemingly uninhabitable temperatures. Pre-register.

PAINT AND BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 11, Wed. at 6pm.Participants will paint a butterfly on a blossom. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

May 18, Wed. at 6:30 pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Sky of Stone* by Homer Hickam. This sequel to Rocket Boys continues the story of Sonny as he returns home after a year away at college to help his estranged father, who has been accused of neglect after a mining accident. Sonny works at the mine, deals with unrequited love, and tries to uncover the mystery surrounding the accident in this enticing memoir of Coalwood, Virginia, in the early 1960's. Pre-register.

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PERIODICALS (GARDENING MAGAZINES)

Chicagoland Gardening is a bimonthly magazine for gardeners in this zone 5 region. Looking inside you will find a calendar of events that covers information on classes, garden walks and festivals. It also includes sections on: ask our experts, gardener's resource center and what you should be doing in the garden right now.

Fine Gardening is a beautifully illustrated magazine that contains lots of hands on advice. Each issue contains articles on topics such as pruning wisteria, regional gardening, specific plantings, borders, and dividing. Step-by-step photos are included, as well as diagrams. The projects take the seasons into account. The ads are relevant and useful.

Organic Gardening has promoted for over 50 years an integral vision of cultivation in which soil, organic matter, and plants that are suited to the site and climate at work. The articles teach gardeners how to harness natural resources and how to implement organic weed and pest control. Organic Gardening is for everyone who wants to garden in harmony with natural systems and those who want to learn more about what organic gardening entails.

Water Gardening has a commitment to sound pond keeping education. Experts give advice on tips, tricks, and respect for Mother Nature. Find out how to keep your pond free of debris, learn what you can create indoors, or discover how water and electricity work together safely. Behind the appealing covers are also letters, products, reviews, club information, and whimsical interest pieces.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 25, Wed. at 11am. This beginning level computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse, well as typing. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

May 25, Wed. at 2pm and 6:30pm and May 31, Tues. at

2pm. This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

May 25, Wed. at 7pm. Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction on knitting. Participants should bring worsted weight yarn and knitting needles. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 26, Thurs. at 2pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's homepage while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: DEAN MARTIN- EVERYBODY LOVES SOMEBODY

May 2, Mon. at 2 pm and 7pm.A look at the life of Dean Martin from his roots as a prize-fighter and card shark to superstardom, with Jerry Lewis, and into movies and television. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 10, Tues at 2:00pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. In a Utopian world with no poverty or crime or sickness, 12 year old Jonas is selected to be the community's Receiver of Memories. Under the tutelage of the elders and a man known as the Giver, Jonas discovers the disturbing truth about his Utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy. Pre-register beginning April 12.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 11, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB - ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE

May 12, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature Roger Triemstra, former WGN weather personality, who will share his slides of Antarctica and discuss his trip. Pre-register beginning April 14 by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS - CALIFORNIA

May 16, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will visit the exclusive suburb of Beverly Hills, Earthquake Hell of San Francisco, stunning beaches like Big Sur, the celebrity hangout of Santa Monica, historic Spanish towns like Santa Barbara, Gold Rush ghost towns and the rush of Los Angeles. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

May 23, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *Tootsie* starring Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange and Teri Garr. An unemployed actor disguises himself as a woman to secure a part on a soap opera. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 26, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Innocent Graves* by Peter Robinson. Inspector Alan Banks attempts to solve the murder of 16 year-old, Deborah Harrison who has been found strangled to death in a graveyard. A suspect is identified, jailed and sent to trial only to be released. Meanwhile, Banks keeps reviewing the evidence, finding more questions than answers, but eventually revealing the shocking truth. Pre-register beginning April 28.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

U.S. Memorial Day – www.usmemorialday.org
Provides information on the history of this day, ways to observe it, and information on U.S. war memorials.

National Safe Boating Council – www.safeboatingcouncil.org
With a membership of over 300 U.S. and Canadian organizations, the mission of the NSBC is to reduce accidents and enhance the boating experience by promoting safer boating through education. National Safe Boating Week takes place May 21-27. Boat Smart – Boat Safe.

Indianapolis 500 – www.indy500.com
The official site of the Indianapolis 500, which will be raced on May 29. Provides statistics, ticket information, event schedule, photos, and visitor information.

4 International Careers & Jobs – www.4icj.com
World-wide directory of job sites and career resources for international job seekers, employers and recruiters.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

INTERPRETING THE LIBRARY CATALOG

May 3, Tues. from 10am to 12pm. Join an introductory class to educate library users on how to search and understand the library catalog. Topics will include various searching options and accessing your library account. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning April 18.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - GREAT BRITAIN, LONDON AND NORTH ENGLAND

May 4, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will enjoy the historical sights of London and North England. Pre-register.

DABBLE THE DATABASES

May 10, Tues. from 10am to 12pm. A database class will be held to teach interested participants what the library has to offer and how it can help in searches. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

May 11, Wed. from 11am-1pm. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 19, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

May 4, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm. Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend this monthly quilting bee. Participants will learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and

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meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabrics. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

May 13, Fri. from 11am to 1pm. Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 13, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

THE HEALING GARDEN

May 11, Wed. at 7pm. Zahida Saleem has practiced and taught horticulture therapy for the past several years. She will offer insight for healing anger and grief, as well as for overcoming stress in order to live life more fully in today's stressful environment where we often yearn for peace and a keener sense of focus. Pre-register.

EXPLORE SOUTH AFRICA

May 19, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Travelers will enjoy a brief tour of South Africa with a night drive through Londolozi Game Park, then visit an ostrich ranch and see Zulu warriors demonstrate their native customs. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 26, Thurs. from 10am–noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

May 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Last Girls* by Lee Smith. Four college friends are reunited on a boat tour of the mighty Mississippi, a trip they had taken thirty-five years before after reading *Huckleberry Finn*. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

May 26, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of the *Bible: The Gospel of Mark*. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*. A one-time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

May 2, Mon. from 6:30pm–8:15pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 9, Mon. from 10am to 11am.Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

May 10, Tues. from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Participants will paint a barn and field on an 8" x 10" canvas. A fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. This class is directed toward beginners.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY: COASTAL NORTH SPAIN

May 18, Wed. at 7pm. Participants will explore the spectacular scenery of Basque country via large-screen video. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

May 25, Wed. at 7pm and May 26, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Brother's Blood* by Michael C. White. In White's literary thriller, 61 year-old Libby Pelletier uncovers a secret that haunts her small New England town which was the site of a WWII labor camp for German POW's. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

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LCPL Book Sale Room

Saturday, May 21st from 9:30am to 4pm.

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

Call the **Central Library** for more information about **Happenings@your library.**



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CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

B IS FOR BUBBLEGUM

May 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a bubble-blowing boy and then try to blow the biggest bubble of all. Pre-register.

rty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

B IS FOR BUBBLEGUM

May 11, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a bubble-blowing boy and then try to blow the biggest bubble of all. Pre-register.



Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

TIME TRAVELERS

May 18, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children, ages 7 and older, hear the end of the book, *Don't You Know There's A War On?* by Avi, then make and play the game, "Sea Battle." Pre-register.

UNBIRTHDAY PARTY

May 25, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate an unbirthday, play backward party games and then enjoy some cake. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

May 2, Monday at 6:30pm. Participants of all ages are invited to the puppet show presentation of *Are You My Mother,*

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based on the book by P.D. Eastman. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

SNACK AND PLAN

May 5, Thurs. at 4pm. Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time for attending this meeting. Pre-register.

INTRO TO CHESS

May 12, Thurs. at 4pm and May 24, Tues. at 4pm. Children in grades 3 and higher will learn the basics of chess and practice their new skills. Interested players will form a chess club and participate in future matches and tournaments. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

May 12, Thurs. at 10:30am and May 26, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more. Pre-register.

MOVIE BREAK

May 16, Tues. at 6:30pm. Children ages 12 and older will enjoy snacks and popcorn while watching The Incredibles feature film. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

May 17, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, participate in music activities, and then make a simple craft. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

May 19, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will make two simple crafts, play games and listen to a story. Pre-register.

FAMILY STORYTIME: MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

May 23, Mon. at 6:30pm. Families will have fun with music through stories, instruments, songs and dance. Participants will make instruments to take home, watch a movie and participate in other activities. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME - TASMANIA

May 24, Tues. at 2pm. Viewers will visit the island refuge of Tasmania off the southeast coast of Australia. Safe from the forces that have changed much of the Australian continent, Tasmania is an Eden of majestic forests, snow-capped mountain ranges, giant waterfalls, wild rivers and pristine coastlines, home to many animals and plants which are found only on its land or in its waters. Pre-register.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEERS MEETING

May 26, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 15, who are interested in volunteering at the library during the summer must attend this meeting. Discussion will include volunteer rules and duties. Sign-up sheets will be distributed; please bring a calendar. For more information call the library.

PAINT AND BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 28, Sat. at 9:30am. Participants will paint geraniums with watercolor. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES

May 4, Wed. at 10:30am and 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about mothers and other family members, and participate in related activities. Pre-register beginning April 18.

MOMMY, DADDY AND ME

May 9, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and their caregivers, will enjoy family stories and related activities. Pre-register beginning April 25.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

SPRING TIME

May 11, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy spring stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

May 14, Sat. at 2pm. Children in grades K and higher will learn about spring plants, planting and care from members of the Hobart Garden Club. Pre-register.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

May 20, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy spring stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning May 6.



Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

Call the **Lake Station Branch** for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

Call the **Central Library** for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students in grades 5 or higher that are interested in volunteering at the library should contact Mrs. Cashman for further details. Volunteers work after school and on some Saturdays for one to two-hour time periods. Duties include helping with book displays, bulletin boards, crafts and children's programs. For more information, call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

May 4, Wed. at 4pm. Students in grades K thru 3 will make and wrap a Mother's Day present. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's TEA

May 9, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, are invited to their own special tea time with stories, music, a craft and other tea related activities. Juice and cookies will be served. Caregivers are asked not to bring

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younger siblings. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's TEA

May 10, Tues. at 10:20am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, along with their adult guest, will enjoy their own special tea time with stories, music, a craft and other tea related activities. Juice and cookies will be served. Adult guests are asked to not bring younger siblings. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

WEE ONES

May 11, Wed. at 10:30am and May 25, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a special toy time. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER'S MEETING

May 24, Tues. at 4pm. Students in grades 4 and higher who would like to volunteer at the library for the summer must attend this training and organizational meeting. Parents need to sign a permission slip. Students are asked to bring their summer schedule. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call the library.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP



Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOM AND ME

May 3, Tues at 1:30pm and May 4, Wed. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will play a Mom matching game, watch the film, A Chair for My Mother, then make a special craft for mom. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

May 9, Mon. at 6:30pm and May 10, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, ages 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this story time about animal mothers. Pre-register.

SUMMER READING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

May 31, Tues. at 6:30pm and June 4, Sat. at 10am. Students who would like to volunteer for the Summer Reading Program must attend one of these informational meetings. Students must be 11 or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting too. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

UNICORNIA

May 10, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about unicorns and other mythical creatures, play games, sing songs and make a unicorn to take home. Pre-register beginning April 25.

MYTHICAL CREATURES

May 21, Sat. at 11am.Children, in grades K and higher, will watch a video about mythical creatures and learn how to draw creatures from the Harry Potter books. Pre-register beginning May 2.

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St. JOHN TOWNSHIP BRANCHES

As I prepared to write this article for the St. John Township Branches, I searched for one descriptive word I could use to characterize the branches. ***"Change"*** became my defining word. I decided to seek clarification of my word. As a librarian, I searched databases, encyclopedias and the library catalog. I discovered that, as a term, the word **change** needs an anchor word. In what field of study has it changed? During what time period did the **change** occur? Only the dictionary rewarded a comment on the single word, **change**. Merriam-Webster's New Colligate Dictionary, eleventh edition, uses three words for **change**: alter, vary, or modify.

What is CHANGE?

It's taking place at the St. John Township Branches

Alter implies making "essential differences without suggesting a loss of identity," according to Webster. The Dyer-Schererville branch is currently involved in a **change** in the location of the entrance to the branch from Highway 30. Because of the growth in the Schererville community, resulting in an increase in population and traffic, a new stop light will be positioned in front of the branch. The entrance is being moved so that it will align with the new traffic light. The new entrance will allow our public easier and safer access to the services they have come to expect from the library. It should be completed just in time for the busy summer reading programs.

To vary is characterized as a "breaking away from sameness and duplication." In April a new computerized system was unveiled throughout the Lake County Library System. For the first time in over fifteen years the common tasks performed by the computers every day required radically different ways of performing them. As the staff and the public progress up the learning curve, we all discover some of the flexibility and refinements that impact our services. Soon the new system will seem familiar.

Modify suggests a "difference that limits or adapts to a new purpose." The library's purpose is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library District. Although our ultimate purpose may not be new, the way in which the purpose is fulfilled will be very different in the new branch in St. John. A larger population and more not-for-profit groups demand a larger meeting room facility. The growth also requires more tables and chairs, more space to display the materials in an attractive, orderly manner and more space for library programs. When the current branch was built forty years ago, no one would have suspected that computers would be as prominent a tool for accessing information as they are today. To provide better access, more space for computers must be provided. The new facility must also be endowed with the flexibility to take us through the next forty years. After all, no matter what those years bring, we can all be assured of one thing: there will always be ***change***!

Pam Maud
St. John Township

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Prizes, Prizes, Prizes
Adult Summer Reading
June 6 - July 30, 2005

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Jun 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Haj* by Leon Uris. A powerful, controversial narrative of Arabs, British, Israelis, and many others in the Middle East at the time of the founding of the State of Israel. This book focuses on Haj Ibrahim, leader of the small Palestinian village of Tabah, his family, and his desire for peace and brotherhood. Pre-register, ext. 340.

WORKSHOP: EMPLOYMENT TAXES

June 14, Tues. from 9:30am to 4pm This workshop encompasses who is an employee versus who is an independent contractor, along with preparing form SS-8 if needed. Filing of employment tax forms such as 940 and 941 are covered, as well as issuing W-2's versus 1099 forms. Class size minimum of 10. Registration ends one week before the program. Pre-register, ext. 334.

FRIENDS MEETING

June 14, Tues. at 1pm The Friends of Lake County Public Library will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Board Room. All current members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Public Relations, ext. 317.

STARTING A BUSINESS AND RECORDKEEPING

Jun 18, Sat. from 9:30am to 5pm This workshop covers the various types of entities, as well as the tax forms completed for each entity type. Rules and guidelines are covered regarding business income and deductibles such as vehicle, travel, and entertainment expenses, plus business use of home, as well as keeping records for both income and expenses. Registration ends one week before the program. Sponsored by the IRS. Pre-register, ext. 334.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



OVER A BARREL

Stories of oil exploration and exploitation

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

June 20, 22, 27 and 29, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm English as a Second Language Classes are being offered with three levels of instruction: beginning, intermediate and advanced. Participants work on speaking, reading and writing English. Pre-register, ext. 309.

GARDENING SERIES

June 21, Tues. at 7pm This month's gardening program will feature "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs" by Holly Hubbell, Master Gardener. The gardening series features Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Please call the Black Oak Branch for more information about **Happenings@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jun 13, Mon. at 12:30pm If, like Mark Furukawa, the librarian who will lead this book discussion, you have never quite understood who did what in the movie, *Maltese Falcon*, give the book a try and join in the discussion of this mystery by Dashiell Hammett. Pre-register.

FORTY FIRST BOOK DISCUSSION

June 27, Mon. at 6:30pm When Lucy looks into the wardrobe and discovers Narnia, the adventures begin. Join her, Susan, Peter and Edmund as they travel in their quest to rid

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Where can one find cost of living information?

A: The Sterling's Best Places web site has a cost of living calculator that allows one to compare the national average and two other cities on housing, food, utilities, taxes, etc. http://www.bestplaces.net/col/col.aspx Sometimes one has to try other sources if the particular city is not listed. Some other sources include:
RR331.297304 GEOG Geographic reference report.
RR339.42 ACCR ACCRA cost of living index
RR339.420973 AMER American cost of living survey
RR307.76 AMER America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities
RR658.834 LIFE SRDS: The Lifestyle Market Analyst
RR307.76 AMER America's Top-Rated Cities The Bureau of Labor Statistics now has a Chained Consumer Price Index which comes closer to a cost of living index. For an explanation, see FAQ section at their web site: http://www.bls.gov/dolfaq/bls_ques2.htm

FortyFirst Branch ...continued

country of the Witch. For over 50 years, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* has enchanted readers. Join us in our discussion of this timeless tale. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

VIDEO TOUR OF SPAIN

June 8, Wed. at 1pm View Andalucia in the south of Spain from a bicycle and tour the beaches, markets and nightlife of the Canary Islands. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jun 15, Wed. at 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Fourteen-year-old runaway Lily seems to be a magnet for the eccentric when she moves in with the beekeeping sisters, May, June and August, but they show her about mothers and daughters and love. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 27, Mon. at 1pm To prevent foreclosure on the family homestead, Norwegian immigrant, Helga Estby, accepts a $10,000 wager to walk across America, leaving Spokane, Washington, with her daughter in May of 1896 and arriving in New York City on Christmas Eve of the same year in Linda Hunt's *Bold Spirit*. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: POWERPOINT

June 1, Wed. at 6:30 pm Participants will learn the basics of creating a PowerPoint presentation. Pre-register.

SCRAPBOOKING

June 1, Wed. at 6:30 pm This free class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. The instructor is scrap booking consultant, Kathy Burdick, who will provide the necessary materials.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 3, Fri. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms and typing. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

June 6, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint a Birdhouse & Garden. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

June 7, Tues. at 2pm This is a beginning level computer class that will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WEB DESIGN

June 8, Wed. at 2pm Participants, ages 12 through adulthood, will learn how to create a basic web page with text and pictures. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will explore the

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library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: AIR FORCE ONE

June 14, Tues. at 2pm For more than 50 years American Presidents have traveled the world in a very special aircraft. Viewers will learn the history of those unique planes. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

June 15, Wed. at 6:30 pm Readers will discuss *The Gunslinger* by Stephen King. This novel, the first in the best selling Dark Towers series, introduces Roland, the seemingly mythical hero of a devastated world. King has written a fascinating series by expertly combining elements of fantasy, science fiction, horror, and adventure and creating complex characters that become as familiar to the reader as a good friend. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

June 18, Sat. at 9:30 am Participants will paint Strawberries, a Study in Red & Black on an 8"x10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

CREDIT REPAIR CLINIC

June 20, Mon. at 7pm A loan consultant will teach participants how to read a credit report, how to communicate with creditors to remove errors and resolve issues, and how to improve their credit profile. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

June 28, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a symphony to America's natural wonders as they travel the country via the large screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES - CONEY ISLAND

Jun 6, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Coney Island emerged in the mid-1800's as America's premier playground. Follow its glorious heyday to its demise after World War II. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

The Pursuit of Alice Thrift
By Elinor Lipman

"As a medical intern, the socially inept Alice Thrift encounters a demeaning supervisor and an aggressive suitor while learning the art of personal discernment through friendships with a male nurse, a rooming house neighbor, an ob-gyn mentor, and her wondering but supportive parents."

CE/Griffith Branch

Uncle Boris in the Yukon, and Other Shaggy Dog Stories
By Daniel Pinkwater

"If you have any empathy at all with animals, don't miss this light-hearted memoir of Pinkwater's life with dogs. Guaranteed to make you laugh out loud-at least once!"

SA/Systems Department

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
By Mark Haddon

"Following in the footsteps of his hero, Sherlock Holmes, young Chris is determined to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's pet poodle. But Chris is autistic, and the world is often as much a puzzle to him as he is to most other people. Told from Chris's point of view, this book provides a fascinating insight into a mind that views the world literally and unemotionally."

LP/Reference Department

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jun 8, Wed. from10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Jun. 9, Thurs. at10:30am This month's club meeting will feature the music of Michael Smith. Smith's songs have been recorded by dozens of artists in folk, country and pop music genres. He has been writing music for four decades and among his credits is the original music composed for Steppenwolf Theatre's production of The Grapes of Wrath. Please contact the bank at 972-7317 for more information and to register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jun. 14, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann Ross. Miss Julia, a recently bereaved and wealthy widow, is only slightly bemused when Hazel Puckett arrives on her doorstep and announces that Miss Julia's husband is the father of her son. Suddenly, this long-time church member and pillar of her southern community finds herself in the middle of a scandal and the guardian of a nine-year-old who turns her life upside down. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS - SUMMER IN THE PARKS

Jun. 20, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm The National Parks of the Rockies provide some of the best scenery, hiking and wildlife viewing in America. Travelers will visit Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jun. 27, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm On screen this month is *Something's Gotta Give* starring Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton and Keanu Reeves. An aging lothario who has always dated younger women falls for a successful middle-aged playwright who's convinced she is past the age of romance. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION - *BLINDSIGHTED*

Jun. 30, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *Blindsighted* by Karin Slaughter. A small Georgia town erupts in panic when a college professor is found brutally stabbed. When the town pediatrician and medical examiner, Sara Linton, does the autopsy, she discovers the full extent of the killer's twisted work. Her husband, Jeffrey Tolliver, is the chief of police who leads the investigation but it is Sara who holds the key to finding the killer. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

CROCHET CLASS

Jun. 8, Wed. from 11am to 1pm Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jun 16, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

June 21, Tues. at 2pm *The Captain's Wife* by Kelley Douglas is based on the true story of Mary Patten. Mary is forced to navigate Neptune's Car when her husband falls ill while part of the crew is plotting a mutiny. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

June 1 and 15, Wed. from 5:30 to 8pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – www.aspca.org
Site includes the ASPCA's position on the use and misuse of animals by humans. Details about their Animal Watch newsletter, action alerts, pet care tips and merchandise.

National D-Day Memorial Foundation – www.dday.org
The National D-Day Memorial Foundation is a nonprofit educational foundation warranted by the U.S. Congress to establish and maintain for the nation, a memorial to the valor, fidelity, and sacrifice of the Allied Armed Forces who landed in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

Wolf Park – www.wolfpark.org
General information, park programs, wolf pictures, information about wolves and wolfdog hybrids, and stories about individual wolves at the park. Wolf Park is located in Battle Ground, Indiana near Lafayette.

National Center for Health Statistics – www.cdc.gov/nchs
Comprehensive information on births, deaths, aging, disease classification and other health statistics.

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Please be sure to bring your own quilting supplies and fabric. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome!

CROCHET CLASS

Jun. 10, Fri. from 11am to1pm Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Participants need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jun. 10, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

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Tribute Gifts@ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to take the opportunity in this issue to thank those who have made a tribute gift during January through March of 2005.

Dan Helpingstine
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Munster Rotary Club
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In memory of Charles M. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. John VanDyck

In memory of Chris N. Retson
Sophie Misner

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

PLANT A CUTTING GARDEN

June 8, Wed. at 7pm Dolly Foster, Master Gardener, will reveal all the flowers in the garden that can be cut and brought into the house. Basic flower bed construction, planting and cutting techniques will also be discussed. Pre-register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

June 10, Fri. at 1:30pm *The Photograph* by Penelope Lively opens with a snapshot: Kath, at an unknown gathering, hands clasped with a man not her husband. The photograph is in an envelope marked DON'T OPEN – DESTROY. But Kath's husband does not heed the warning. The mystery of the photograph, and of Kath's recent death, propels him on a journey of discovery in which he must peel back layers of their lives. Pre-register.

EXPLORE THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SOUTHERN POLAND

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Since the collapse of communism in 1989, the Czech Republic has become an increasingly popular tourist destination. Traveling from Prague through Bohemia and into Southern Poland, visit the vestiges of bygone eras and find a new culture blossoming in the heart of Eastern Europe. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jun. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Class size is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

June 30, Thurs. at 1:30 pm This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Class size is limited. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

June 30, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *History of the Peloponnesian War* by Thucydides. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

CREDIT REPAIR CLINIC

June 2, Thurs. at 7pm A loan consultant will reveal how credit reports may prevent individuals from getting the lowest rates on credit cards, auto loans and mortgages. Participants will learn how to read a credit report, communicate with creditors to remove errors, and improve their credit profile.

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

June 7, Tues. from 6:30 to 8:15pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS - COUNTRY PRIDE

June 7, Tues. from 10:30am to 1:30pm Participants will paint a window box with an American flag. A fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Beginners are welcome. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 13, Mon. from 10 to 11am Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

SPA DAY @ THE LIBRARY

June 13, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will get their feet ready for summer sandals by pampering them with exfoliation, buffing cream, moisturizer and more. Products will be provided by an experienced beauty consultant. Participants should bring a foot tub and a hand towel. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY - LIGHTHOUSES OF THE EASTERN GREAT LAKES

June 15, Wed. at 7pm Participants will rediscover the romance and history of lighthouses found along Lake Ontario, Erie and Huron, via large-screen display. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS - *THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES*

June 22, Wed. at 7pm or June 23, Thurs. at 10:15am Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Following her mother's accidental death, a 14-year-old white girl is raised by an elderly black woman in the turbulent 1960's South. They find shelter and friendship with three beekeeping sisters while Lily discovers the truth about her mother's past. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

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Save the Date

The Lake County Public Library Foundation will hold its annual Tribute Dinner on **October 21, 2005.**

Honoring those who have been dedicated to the Lake County Public Library

The evening will include presentation of the LCPL Distinguished Service Award and the LCPL Corporate Leadership Award

A Silent Auction will also be featured.

Look for your invitation in September's mail.

Proceeds to benefit the LCPL Foundation.

LCPL Book Sale Room

Tuesday, June 21st from 2pm to 8pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

June 6 through 27, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Preschoolers will find treasures at the library with stories, song, a video and a craft. Pre-register at ext. 360.



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JUNE 2005



HIDDEN TREASURE OPEN HOUSE

June 9, Thurs. at 2pm Readers will read or listen to their first book to record for Summer Reading. They will then be able to choose from a selection of crafts, activities and refreshments. The program is for children 2 years of age and older, with preschool aged children accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at ext.360.

DON'T GO UNDER THE BED

June 14, Tues. at 10am or 2pm What's under your bed? For those 6 through 11 years old, come figure out if its trash or treasure with stories, games and a craft. Pre-register at ext. 360.

TODDLER TIME

June 15, 22, 29, Wed. at 10am Toddlers, ages 24 to 36 months, with a caregiver, will treasure this time of stories, songs and activities just for them. Pre-register at ext. 360.

STORYTELLING IS A REAL TREASURE

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm For Preschoolers aged 2 and older accompanied by an adult, the Little Old Storytelling Cabinetmaker, Art Willing, will fascinate the children with his stories and hand-crafted wooden toys. Pre-register at ext. 360.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

June 21, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Children, from 6 through 11 years of age, will explore the world of fossils and ancient artifacts that can be found in Indiana. There will be stories, games and a craft. Pre-register at ext. 360.

LAKE COUNTY STEELERS

June 23, Thurs. at 2pm Players for the Lake County Steelers minor league football team and their Head Coach, Bob Crowder, will talk about playing football in the summer. Recommended for youngsters aged 5 through 14. Pre-register at ext. 360.

TREASURES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

June 28, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Come and find out what treasures could be in your backyard with stories, games and a very buggy craft for children ages 6 through 11. Pre-register at ext. 360.

SNAKES ALIVE!

June 30, Thurs. at 2pm Where do iguanas come from? What do they eat? Rick from the Chicago Reptile House in Schererville will be bringing all sorts of slithery creatures and providing information about them for children of all ages. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

HIDDEN TREASURE OF BOOKS

June 14, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the story of *The Emperor's New Clothes* and then make their own emperor to take home. Pre-register.

TREASURE STONES

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AFRICAN SAFARI SUNSET
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JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS
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INDEPENDENCE DAY ROCKETS
June 30, Thurs. at 2pm Children ages 6 and older will make their own rocket decorations for Independence Day. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

TREASURE HUNT BEGINS
June 9, Thurs. at 2pm The Summer Reading Program begins with a treasure trove of hide and seek games and prizes for all ages 3 and older. Our pirate guest will be here to judge two contests: *best costume* and *best artwork*. Children can dress like a pirate or draw a pirate picture. Pre-register.

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES
June 13, Mon. at 11am 2 and 3 year olds can come and enjoy an ice cream sandwich.

ICE CREAM FUN
June 14, Tues. at 2pm 4 to 6 year olds can come, make and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Pre-register.

SUMMERTIME SUNDAES
June 15, Wed. at 2pm Cool off at the Library! 7 to 10 year olds can make and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

June 1, Wed. from 3:30pm to 5pm Students in grades 5 or higher who are interested in volunteering at the library should contact Mrs. Cashman for further details. Volunteers work after school and on some Saturdays for one to two-hour time periods. Duties include helping with book displays, bulletin boards, crafts and children's programs. For more information, call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

June 6, 13, 20, & 27, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other related activities. Themes are: Attic Treasures, Elf & Fairy Treasures, Sunken Treasures, and. Trash to Treasure. Pre-registration not necessary. For more information, call the library.

MUNSTER SUMMER PLAYERS PRESENT *PETER PAN*

June 6, Mon. at 1:30pm for try-outs, June 13 – July 25, Mon. at 1:30pm for practices. Every play participant must have completed Kindergarten or higher. To have a speaking part in the play, you must be able to read the script. There will be some non-speaking parts, also. All participants must be free to attend the practices, as well as the play on July, 30, Sat. at 2pm. Call the library for further information.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

June 7 through 28, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, videos, crafts and other related activities with a different theme each week. Themes are: Attic Treasures, Elf & Fairy Treasures, Sunken Treasures and Trash to Treasure. Pre-registration not necessary, please call the library for further information.

HIDDEN MUSICAL TREASURES

June 7, Tues. at 1:30pm – "Hidden Musical Treasures" will be presented by Liza & Mark Woolever, who will play the fiddle, harmonica, guitar, mandolin and banjo, just to name a few of their instruments. All ages are welcome. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

June 8 through 29, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and higher will enjoy stories, crafts and refreshments with a different theme each week. Themes are: Attic Treasures, Elf & Fairy Treasures, Sunken Treasures and Trash to Treasure. Pre-registration not necessary. For more information, call the library.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

June 14 & 21, Tues. at 1:30pm Children in grades 4 and higher will learn a new craft. First set of dates are slated for the *basics of knitting*, the second set of dates are for *paper making*. Pre-register. A small fee will be assessed for materials for these classes.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

SUMMER READING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

June 4, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to volunteer for the Summer Reading Program must attend one of these informational meetings. Students must be 11 or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting too. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

BUBBLEOLOGIST!

June 6, Mon. at 7pm Children of all ages will be amazed at the scientific bubble tricks demonstrated by Keith Evans, Bubbleologist. Registration is not required. Children are encouraged to bring their Lake County Public Library cards to check out books for summer reading.

TODDLER TREASURES

June 15, Wed. at 11am Toddlers, aged 2, along with their caregivers, will dig for buried treasure during this story time. Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE PIRATES

June 16, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm Children who have completed kindergarten and higher will hear stories about pirates, make mini-treasure chests and go on a treasure hunt.

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PRESCHOOL PIRATES
June 21, Tues. at 2pm or June 22, Wed. at 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about pirates, go on a treasure hunt, play games and make a craft. Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE TREASURE
June 23, Thurs. at 2pm. School aged children from grades kindergarten and up will turn trash into treasure. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY EVENING
June 23, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young children, ages 2 to 5, who are not able to attend daytime summer programs are invited, along with their parents, to attend an evening story time including music, games and a craft. Pre-register.

TODDLER MYSTERIES
June 29, Wed. at 11am Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories of mystery such as *Guess Who's in the Jungle.* Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE T-SHIRTS
June 30, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children who have completed kindergarten and higher will decorate t-shirts to wear for the coming holiday. Bring a pre-washed t-shirt. The library will supply the rest! Pre-register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

YOUTH VOLUNTEER MEETING
June 1, Wed. at 6:30pm Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend this informational meeting. To qualify,
students must be 11 years or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend. Registration not required.

BURIED TREASURES
June 7, Tues. at 10:30am Children, aged 3 to 7, will hear stories about their favorite creatures, dinosaurs and watch the film "*Digging Up Dinosaurs.*"
Pre-register.

CIRCLERAMA
June 14, Tues. at 10:30am Children, from 3 to 7 years old, will hear stories about things that are round, sing songs and make a craft. Pre-register.

AHOY MATEY!
June 21, Tues. 10:30am Three to seven year olds will hear stories about pirates, go on a treasure hunt, sing songs and make a craft. Pre-register.

UP, UP AND AWAY
June 28, Tues. at 10:30am Children, from 3 to 7 years of age, will hear stories about airplanes, sing songs and learn to make paper planes. Pre-register.

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POWERPOINT
June 1, Wed. at 6:30pm Teens can join in on this class to learn the basics of creating a PowerPoint presentation. Pre-register.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING
June 6 & 13, Mon. from 1 to 4:45pm each day Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $23 must be paid at the time of registration. Pre-register.

EXPLORE THE FUN AT THE LIBRARY
June 7, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers will listen to new and favorite stories, make a craft and enjoy a delicious ice cream cone at this kick-off to the summer activities.

BASIC WEB DESIGN
June 8, Wed. at 2pm Those youngsters that are 12 and older can join in on this class to learn how to create a simple web page, including titles, headings, paragraphs and pictures. Pre-register.

CUPCAKE BINGO!
June 9, Thurs. at 2pm School age children will listen to a story and play bingo. As each child wins a Bingo, they may choose a delicious cupcake prize! Pre-register.

SUPER SIDEWALK ART
June 14, Tues. at 10:30am After participating in stories and songs, preschoolers will head outside to decorate the library sidewalks. Each child will make a "piece of sidewalk" snack to eat. Dress for mess! Pre-register.

YOUNG ADULTS PAINT & CREATE
June 15, Wed. at 2pm Local artist, Pat Mahns, will guide young adults, ages 11 to 15, in creating a piece of artwork. Attendance is limited and there will be a minimal fee for materials. Call or visit the library for program specifics. Pre-register.

CAMPFIRE TALES
June 16, Thurs. at 2pm School age children will gather 'round the campfire for some tall tales. Participants will enjoy s'mores for a special treat. Pre-register

BOOKS 'N SNACK
June 20, Monday at 2pm Readers will discuss *The Bad Beginning*, the first book of the *Series of Unfortunate Events* novels by Lemony Snicket. This series, which follows the ill-fated Baudelaire children is fast-paced, full of mystery and humor. Pre-register.

MOVIE AND POPCORN
June 21, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers will view a short movie on the large screen while enjoying popcorn at this 30 minute program.

READER LEADER
June 22 & 29, Wed. at 2pm Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities.

TODDLER TIME!
June 23 & 30, Thurs. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities during these half hour sessions. Pre-register.

LEADER DOGS
June 23, Thurs. at 2pm A Leader Dogs for the Blind representative, Lynn Kimble, will present a program about leader dogs to children from 6 to 12 years of age, and will bring a leader dog for the youngsters to meet. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN
June 27, Mon. at 2pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. For more information call the library.

TREMENDOUS TREASURE HUNTS
June 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will enjoy a variety of activities including storytelling, books, songs, music, games, crafts and refreshments. Those younger than five must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library.

FABULOUS FIREWORKS!
June 28, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers will celebrate the Fourth of July with music, stories and a red, white & blue craft. Pre-register.

TIE-DYED T-SHIRTS
June 30, Thurs. at 2pm School age children should bring a white or light colored shirt to dye. The library will provide the rest of the supplies. Please dress for a messy activity. Pre-register.

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Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 7, Tues. from 1 to 3pm For children of all ages, begin to find "Hidden Treasures in Books" at the annual Library Open house. Enjoy stories, games and refreshments under the "Jolly Roger" as we begin the fun! Pre-register.

TREASURE HUNT

June 8, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the book, *Treasure Hunt,* and other tales, then participate in a treasure hunt. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ

June 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm Young adults, grade 4 and higher, are invited to weekly book talks, book discussions, games or other activities and refreshments. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of *Leon and the Spitting Image* which will be discussed on June 23rd. Participants will earn "doubloons" that can be traded in for "treasure." Bring a friend and relax in "Pirate's Cove Café." Pre-register.

VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 9, Thurs. at 7pm Students in grades 4 or higher, who would like to join the Youth Volunteer Program this summer, must attend an informational meeting and fill out an application. Pre-register.

BATHTIME STORIES

June 13, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers (2 year olds) and their caregivers will hear bath time stories during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Pre-register.

JOLLY PIRATES

June 14, Tue. at 1 or 3pm After listening to the story *Roger, the Jolly Pirate*, children will participate in other "pirate" activities. Pre-register.

PIRATE CRAFTS

June 15, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear pirate stories and join in the fun with other stories and build a "pira craft. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ

June 16, Thurs. at 1:30pm Games! Games! Join the fun! For children who have completed 4th grade or higher, bring your favorite game and a friend to play it with, or play one of ours. Food! Fun! Prizes! Don't worry, losers won't have to "walk the plank!" Pre-register.

BROWN BAG MOVIES

June 17, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and beverage, and vow you will "never grow up" when you watch *Peter Pan* on the library's big screen. Popcorn will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

NIGHTY-NIGHT

June 20, Mon. at 10:30am Bedtime stories will be featured in this story time for toddlers (2 year olds) and their caregivers. Pre-register.

MOON CATCHERS

June 21, Tues. at 1 or 3pm Grade school children will view a short video about the moon then make a "moon catcher" to take home. Pre-register.

FIREFLIES

June 22, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the book, *The Very Lonely Firefly,* and other tales, and make their own "glow-in-the-dark" firefly to take home. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ

June 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Bring a friend and bring your copy of *Leon and the Spitting Image* from the June 9th program for lively discussion, fun food and doubloons. Pre-register.

STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

June 23, Thurs. at 7pm For children of all ages, bring your favorite blanket and join us in the library as we sit around the campfire. Hea local storyteller **Karen Slager** share some tales of high jinks, tricksters and the high seas. Pre-register.

TREASURES OF THE MIND

June 27, Mon. at 10:30am Lift-the-flap books will be featured during this ½ hour lap-sit program for toddlers and their caregivers. Pre-register

MR. SMEGS, THE PIRATE MAGIC SHOW
June 28, Tues. at 1:30pm Amazement and fun for all ages, featuring special guest **Bob Fox.** Pre-register.

PUZZLE TIME
June 29, Wed at 10:30am or 1pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will use their minds to solve puzzles in the book *If I Had A Tail* and other picture puzzle books. Later, they will make a puzzle to take home. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ
June 30, Thurs. at 1:30pm Try some word and logic puzzles, then see if you can solve the secret message and receive a sweet reward. This is a continuation of the June 9th program. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS
June 6, Mon. at 6pm Children ages 12 and older who would like to assist with the Summer Reading Program are asked to attend this informational meeting with a parent. Volunteer applications are available at the library and must be signed by a parent. All volunteers need to submit a new application this summer. Please register for this important session.

TODDLERS' STORY TIME
June 7 through July 26, Tues. at 10:30am This will be an 8 week lap-sit program that will include stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. All toddlers will need an adult to participate. Registration begins May 17th.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
June 7 through 28, Tues. at 1:30pm and June 8 through 29, Wed. at 1:30pm This is a weekly program for 3 to 5 year olds that includes books, music, finger plays and crafts. Pre-register.

MOVIE BREAK
June 9, Thurs. at 2pm Kick off Summer Reading's **Hidden Treasures** with the pirate movie *Pirates of the Caribbean, Curse of the Black Pearl.* School aged children can bring a snack and enjoy this Disney movie (143 minutes).

FLOWER TREASURES
June 16, Thurs. at 2pm Children will start seedlings to take home and plant in their own flower garden, with the help of the Hobart Garden Club. A special floral project will be completed by all participants. Pre-register.

MAGICAL TREASURES
June 23, Thurs. at 2pm Enjoy the magic of Little John III of Red Dragon Entertainment. Little John will amaze participants with his incredible **magic show**. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA
June 30, Thurs. at 2pm Check your Harry Potter trivia knowledge before the next book is released. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

JEWELS
June 6, Mon. at 6pm Children ages 3-7 will hear presentations of a variety of stories and short films. Activities will include songs, finger plays and crafts. Pre-register.

NATURE NECKLACES
June 8, Wed. at 1:30pm School age children (grades kindergarten through 3rd) will make necklaces using shells, leaves, seeds, beads, etc. We will have a variety of the materials on-hand, but feel free to bring anything you want to use. Pre-register.

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PAPER WEAVING
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UNDER THE SEA
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ROCK PAINTING
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UP CLOSE WITH THE FIRETRUCK
June 29 & 30, Wed. & Thurs. The Lake Station Fire Department will explain fire safety, allow you to walk through their fire truck and hose you down!

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
June 29, Wed. at 6pm For youngsters in grades 4 through 12, call the library to find out which books we will be reading in the summer months. Cookies and juice will be served. Please join us!

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

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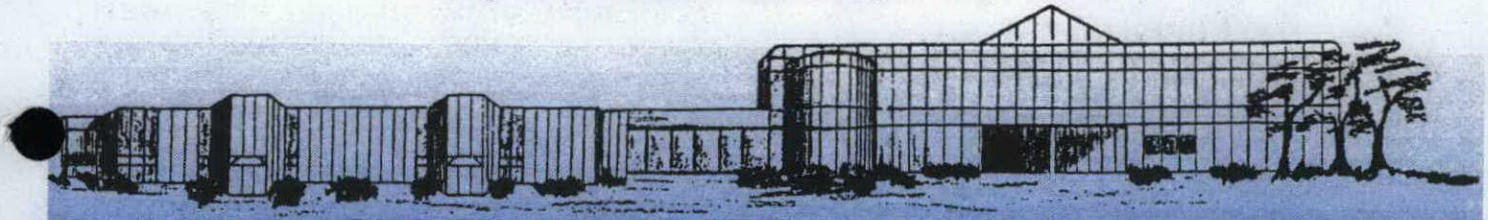
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JULY 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

PROGRAMS ABOUND AT THE MUNSTER BRANCH

Pick a month . . . any month of the year . . . and you're apt to find a number of "regular" programs to attend at your local library. At the Munster Branch the choices are plentiful. Free blood pressure screenings are provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10 am until noon. From September through May, join Adult Services Librarian Chris Retseck for a lively discussion of appealing fiction and memoirs, also on the 4th Thursday of the month. During the summer (June – August) these programs are led by Branch Manager Linda Dunn on the 2nd Friday of the month. If you enjoy literary programs, consider participating in the Great Books program. Each month individuals read selections from some of the greatest works ever written. This evening program takes place on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

Opera aficionados have an opportunity to learn about the Lyric's current season at the Munster Branch Library. From September through February trained volunteers from the Lyric's "lecture corps" present fascinating information about each scheduled opera. Their presentations include musical excerpts from the featured operas. What better way to become familiar with the plot **before** attending a performance than to attend one or more of these programs, and at the same time check out opera CDs and videos from the Munster Branch collection?

The Munster Branch makes it possible to visit foreign lands by attending its travel programs. Interesting destinations miles from Northwest Indiana are featured each month via video programs. This summer take a "trip" to India (July 21), Ukraine (August 18), and Provence and Paris (September 15). Arm yourself with travel books, CDs that capture the country's special sounds, and additional videos as you leave the building.

A gardening series was recently added to the Branch's long list of regular programs. A "limited" version of this series, introduced during the summer of 2004, has grown to seven programs in 2005, beginning with an April program on "Lawn Care and Maintenance" and continuing through October with a final program on "Putting the Garden to Sleep". Master gardeners and other specialists share their expertise and offer suggestions and tips for creating beautiful natural spaces. These programs, jointly sponsored by the Munster Garden Club, are offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The Lake County Public Library's portable computer lab resides at the Munster Branch three times during the calendar year. During those few weeks basic computer classes are offered to patrons. Watch for "Meet the Mouse", "Basic Windows", and "Navigating the Net" classes in late November and early December when the lab is next scheduled for the branch.

To round out the complement of adult programs at the Munster Branch, there are children's programs galore. Every month children of all ages enjoy programs that expose them to good children's books and emphasize the importance of reading. Parents and caregivers are also taught about the benefits of early literacy by Children's Assistant Librarian Eloise Cashman. To discover the programs that await "Wee Ones", toddlers, preschoolers, school age children, and young adults, simply check the **Happenings Jr. @ your library** color insert or call the Munster Branch at 219-836-8450.

This summer why not set aside an hour or two to attend one of the programs described above? You will no doubt come away with a greater understanding of a foreign country, a literary work, or how to care for your garden!

Linda Dunn
Munster Branch

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July 4th closing

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will be closed on Monday July 4, 2005 in observance of Independence Day.

Regular operating hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2005.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

ANDREW MICHAELS PRESENTS

July 7, Thurs. at 7pm Bring your friends and family to an outdoor summer evening concert of folk-rock and soft melodies performed by Andrew Michaels and Friends. The trio will perform original music and songs by the Dave Mathews Band and other popular artists. The concert is free and will be held in the lower level courtyard, weather permitting. Pre-register, ext. 317.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

July 8, Fri. 10am This month's topic is Wound Healing Options and Preventions presented by Gail Blackburn, RN Manager, Wound Healing & Prevention Institute for St. Margaret Mercy Hospitals. For more information call Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club at 473-4433.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

July 14, Thurs. 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Black Hawk Down* by Mark Bowden. As American soldiers are implementing a mission of mercy in a hostile foreign city (Mogadishu, Somalia) in October 1993, disaster strikes. This is a riveting and very timely picture of what modern military combat involves, seen through the eyes of the men who were there. Pre-register, ext. 340.

GARDENING SERIES: ROSES

July 19, Tues. at 7pm This month's gardening program will feature "Roses" by Stan Sims, Lake County Purdue Extension Director and Agriculture & Nature Resources Educator. The gardening series features Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

STARTING A BUSINESS & RECORDKEEPING

July 22, Fri. from 9:30am to 4pm This workshop covers the various types of entities, as well as the tax forms completed for each entity type. Rules and guidelines are covered regarding business income and deductible expenses such as vehicle expenses, travel & entertainment and business use of home, as well as keeping records for both income and expenses. Pre-register, ext. 334.

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CAMPING AND TRAMPING THE GREAT OUTDOORS

MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION TO NORTHWEST INDIANA: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

July 28, Thurs. at 7pm Steve McShane, Calumet Regional Archivist, will discuss migration and immigration as part of regional history. He will also discuss the resources of the Calumet Regional Archives and how to use them. Pre-register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 11, Mon. at 12:30pm When a second 'suicide' looks more like murder, police lieutenant Joe Dartelli begins to suspect someone with expert forensic knowledge is using his knowledge for the wrong reasons. Join us for an informal discussion of *Chain of Evidence* by Ridley Pearson, and dessert! Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Join us for a discussion of *I'm Only One Man* by Regis Philbin. In a diary type format, Philbin gives an account of his activities over the course of a year. Read about his idols, his ex-cohost, and his endless list of friends in these pages. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 20, Wed. 7pm The summer of '28 in Green Town, IL was an idyllic time for a growing 12 year old boy – green apples, mowed lawns, new sneakers. This is the childhood we all remember, even if we really grew up in the heart of the big city. Join us for an informal discussion of *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

July 2, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint and decoupage a fern

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Can you determine the new area code of a phone number by using the old area code?

A: Yes. When a geographic area splits up creating new area codes, you can use the following web site to help determine the new area code. This web site was listed on SBC's web site: http://www.lincmad.com/newareacodes.html

and doe on a box. A fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

SCRAPBOOKING

July 6, Wed. at 6:30pm This free class is for beginning and experienced scrapbookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. The instructor is scrapbooking consultant, Kathy Burdick, who will provide the necessary materials. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

July 11, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint a barn and field on an 8"x 10" canvas. A fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: MACHU PICCHU, CITY IN THE SKY

July 12, Tues. at 2pm Since the discovery of Machu Picchu in 1911, one question has remained unsolved: why was it built? This program probes the mysterious ruins of the ancient Incan city for clues. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

July 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingslover. In her highly praised first novel, Kingsolver tackles a number of social ills through the story of young Taylor Greer, who is determined to lead a different life from those around her in a small poverty-stricken town in Kentucky. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: TASMANIA

July 26, Tues. at 2:00pm Viewers will visit the island refuge of Tasmania off the southeast coat of Australia. Safe from the forces that have changed much of the Australian continent, Tasmania is an Eden of majestic forests, snow-capped mountain ranges, giant waterfalls, wild rivers and pristine coastlines, home to many animals and plants which are found only on its land or in its waters. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

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HISTORY VIDEO - EIFFEL TOWER

July 11, Mon. 2pm & 7pm This film presents the fascinating story of the Eiffel Tower and the genius who built it. Join us for this historical tour of a modern marvel shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 12, Tues. 2pm & 7pm The council of Nollop, a small island off the coast of South Carolina has banned the use of certain letters of the alphabet as they fall off the statue of Nevin Nollop, the island's namesake. As the letters disappear from Nollop's statue, Ella Minnow Pea, a young girl from the island, takes up the fight for freedom of expressing in Mark Dunn's *Ella Minnow Pea*. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 13, Wed. 10am-Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

July 14, Thurs. 10:30am Gina Nida of the Calumet Area Humane Society will bring some "residents" for a visit and fill us in on their programs. If you would like to help the Humane Society gather items from their wish list, call Sand Ridge Bank for their list. For more information, call the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

July 18, Mon. 2pm or 7pm Travel the World by Train: North America. Our journey through North America begins via the Midnight Sun Route through the Alaskan Wilderness to the Arctic Circle. We will travel from eastern to western Canada, view the awesome landscapes of the glacier-carved mountains and the vast expanse of the great plains. Then we will start on the East Coast of America and travel to the Pacific Ocean on what is regarded to be America's most beautiful journey. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 25, Mon. 2pm & 6pm Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her father, an influential, aristocratic politician in this feature film on the big screen: *What a Girl Wants*. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 28, Thurs. 7pm Award winning true crime writer and intuitive investigative consultant, Lydia Strong, is still haunted by the gory murder of her mother by a serial rapist. 15 years later she finds clues that lead her to believe that another serial killer is at work in Santa Fe. When the killer targets Lydia, she asks for help from Jeffrey Mark, a former FBI agent and colleague in *Angel Fire* by Lydia Miscione. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

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SUMMER BOOKSALE

July 8 & 9, Fri.10am-6pm & Sat. 9am-5pm The Summer book sale will be held in the lower level of the library. Materials for sale include adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tapes and videos. For more information, call the library.

CROCHET CLASS

July 13, Wed. 11am Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Beginning students need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Classes will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. A fee of $2 will be charged for additional materials. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

July 19, Tues. 2pm An ancient secret brotherhood, a devastating new weapon of destruction, an unthinkable target – causes world-renowned Harvard symbologist, Robert Langdon, to be summoned for his first assignment to a Swiss research facility to analyze a mysterious symbol. There he discovers evidence of the unimaginable: the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood ready to carry out the final phase of its legendary vendetta against its most hated enemy- the Catholic Church. Share thoughts about Dan Brown's *Angels and Demons* during our July book chat! Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 21, Thurs. 1-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

July 6 and 20, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 8, Fri. 1-3pm A nurse from Miller's Merry Manor will be available to check blood pressure on the 2nd Friday of each month.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

July 13, Wed. at 6pm Members from the Northwest District Garden Club will meet to help Lake Station residents begin a local garden club.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

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IRS Business Workshops – 2005

Starting a Business & Recordkeeping
July 22, September 16 and November 18

Learn the various types of entities, along with which tax forms to complete for each entity type; the rules and guidelines regarding business income and deductible expenses; and recordkeeping.

Employment Taxes – October 21st

This workshop will answer the question as to who is an employee vs. who is an independent contractor; will give instruction on preparing the SS-8; filing of employment tax forms 940 and 941; and provide information on issuing W-2s vs. 1099 forms.

The Lake County Public Library co-sponsors these free workshops for individuals in the community who are thinking about starting a small business or who already have a fledgling business and want to make sure they are handling paperwork and tax forms correctly. For more information or to register for a workshop, call 769-3541, ext. 334.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

July 8, Fri. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. It is 1964, and Lily, an abused 14 year old who believes she is responsible for her mothers' violent death, runs away with her babysitter, Rosaleen, a strong proud black woman who has been falsely accused of a crime. During this process Lily learns the truth about herself and her mother.

ROSE GARDENING

July 13, Wed. 7pm Karl Bapst, Rosarian and Master Gardener, will present this informative program on how to cultivate beautiful roses. Pre-register.

EXPLORE INDIA

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm From the Himalayas to South India, Bombay to the Ganges, travel to one of the world's most ancient and mysterious civilizations. Examine the majesty and diversity of crowded cities and serene villages. History is everywhere – palaces, forts, mosques, Victorian buildings, and Hindu temples. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 28, Thurs. 10am-Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

July 28, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *Moral Politics – How Liberals and Conservatives Think* by George Lakoff.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

July 5, Tues. 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 12, Tues. or July 13, Wed. at 1:30pm This is a beginning level computer class that will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as keyboarding. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

July 16, Sat. from 10:30am to 1:30pm Participants will paint a butterfly on a blossom on an 8"x 10" canvas. A fee of $12, paid at the beginning of class, covers the cost of all materials. Beginners welcome. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

July 18, Mon. at 1:30pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

July 18, Mon. at 6pm or July 19, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will discover how to explore the library's homepage while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: CAT-A-LOG CARE

July 21, Thurs. at 1:30pm Participants will discover how to perform a variety of search techniques for using the library catalog on the internet, how to place a hold, and use some advanced functions of the catalog, such as making a list of titles for later use. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

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A Reminder

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will be closed on Monday July 4, 2005 in observance of Independence Day.

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Science.gov – www.science.gov
Collection of information provided by U.S. government agencies, including research and development results.

National Confectioners Association – www.candyusa.org
News, histories, statistics, FAQs, chocolate section, nutrition and health, kids' section, trivia, and press releases.

Amelia Earhart – www.ameliaearhart.com
The official site of the aviatrix from CMG Worldwide, with a biography, a photo gallery, and some of her quotes and achievements.

Fireworks Safety – www.fireworksafety.com
The National Council on Fireworks Safety is a non-profit organization dedicated to the safe enjoyment of fireworks in the United States. Contains state laws on what fireworks are allowed.

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Read-a-Thon Winners

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the 21st Annual Read-a-Thon. The program was a rousing success, and a boost to literacy involving more than 1,100 youngsters reading a tremendous number of books in the Lake County Public Library districts.

Special accolades to this year's winners from each library branch:

Summer Brown & Eve Hammersley tied for 1st place-Black Oak Branch
Jonathan Metcalfe - Cedar Lake Branch
Jessica Vasquez – Central Library
Cara Scott – Dyer/Schererville Branch
Monet Sierra – Forty First Street Branch
Drew Polizzotto – Griffith Branch
Dean Lebeter – Highland Branch
Samantha Bracich – Hobart Branch
Hannah Harper – Lake Station Branch
Jonathan Azar – Munster Branch
Tyler Purtee – New Chicago Branch

We express our appreciation to the four businesses that sponsored the Awards Breakfast for the 2005 Read-a-Thon:

Northwest Indiana Public Service Company
Smith Insurance
Bank Calumet
L. I. Combs & Sons Construction

LCPL Book Sale Room

Half-off Sale

Thursday, July 21st from 2pm to 8pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541



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Children's Programming
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TREASURES FROM THE TOOL BOX

July 5, Tues. 10am or 2pm A selection of great books will be followed by making jewelry or small sculptures from colorful telephone wire. For children aged 6 through 11. Pre-register, ext. 360.

TODDLER TIME

July 6, Wed. 10am Toddlers (24 to 36 months), with a caregiver, will treasure this time of stories, songs and activities just for them. Pre-register, ext. 360.

MOVIE AND POPCORN

July 7, Thurs. 2pm The Disney movie, *Peter Pan*, will be shown, along with a yummy snack of popcorn for children aged 2 and older. Pre-register, ext. 360.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 11, 18 & 25, Mon. 10am or 2pm Preschoolers (ages 3-5) will find treasure at the library with stories, song, a video and a craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

TREASURE IN THE ATTIC

July 12, Tues. 10am or 2pm Children (ages 6 through 11) will listen to old treasure stories that Mom, Grandma or even Great-Grandma used to love, along with toys and games from bygone years. Pre-register, ext. 360.

MR. SMAGS THE PIRATE DOES MAGIC

July 14, Thurs. 2pm Mr. Smags will entertain children (ages 2 and older) with his antics and tricks. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

TREASURES UNDER WATER

July 19, Tues. 10am or 2pm Children, ages 6 through 11, will hear stories about treasures at the bottom of the sea and have fun getting wet as they play water games outside. Pre-register, ext. 360.

BOOKWALK

July 21, Thurs. 2pm Children (2 and older) will listen to *Stella Louella's Runaway Book* and play a musical chairs-style game (divided by age group). These youngsters may also bring a used children's book or paperback for trading at our "mini-yard sale." Pre-register, ext. 360.

LET'S PLAY!

July 26, Tues. 10am or 2pm Children ages 6 through 11 are invited to a day of games, stories, crafts and fun, as we explore the gift of laughter. Pre-register, ext. 360.

RONALD MCDONALD

July 28, Thurs. 2pm The world-famous red and yellow clown will showcase ***reading*** for our audience of young readers ages 2 and older. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

TRASH TO TREASURES

July 5, Tues. 2pm Children ages 6 and up will do a bit of recycling. Pre-register.

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TREASURES OF THE DEEP BLUE SEA
July 12, Tues. 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear several "sea" stories, then make an ocean in a bag. Pre-register.

FISH BOWL CUP
July 14, Thurs. 2pm Children ages 6 and up will have fun making a "fish" bowl to enjoy. Pre-register.

TREASURY OF YOUR OWN
July 21, Thurs. 2pm Children ages 3 and up will make a savings bank. Pre-register.

FINALE!
July 28, Thurs. 2pm Children who participated in the *Summer Reading Program* are invited to the final program. Certificates for books read will be handed out. Please pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

GAME DAY
Every Tuesday at 2pm children can come to play games while younger siblings are in a program.

STORY HOUR
Every Wednesday at 2pm volunteers will be conducting a story hour for younger children to enjoy a story or two and some quiet time while older siblings attend their own programs.

SURPRISE DAY!
July 6, Wed. 2pm Can you guess what our special surprise is going to be? For children ages 3 and older. Pre-register.

DRAGONHEAD
July 11, Mon. 11am Children, 2 to 3 year olds, can come and make a dragon mask. Pre-register.

DRAGON SEEKERS
July 12, Tues. 2pm Children ages 4 to 6 will construct a standing, fire-breathing dragon. Pre-register

CHINESE DRAGONS
July 13, Wed. 2pm School aged children from 7 to 10 will enjoy an opportunity to meet a green dragon. Pre-register.

GREEN THUMB
July 14, Thurs. 2pm For older school aged children (11 and up) here is an opportunity to construct a mosaic planter. Pre-register.

BURIED TREASURE
July 18, Mon. 11am 2 and 3 year olds will use bare hands to dig for buried treasure. Pre-register.

BURIED TREASURE
July 19, Tues. 2pm 4 to 6 year olds will create an egg filled with a secret treasure. Pre-register.

PALEONTOLOGY 101
July 20, Wed. 2pm 7 to 10 year olds will form sidewalk fossils. Pre-register.

PAPER POCKETS
July 25, Mon. 11am 2 and 3 year olds will build a paper plate pocket for their secret treasure. Pre-register.

TOOTH POCKETS
July 26, Tues. 2pm Youngsters from 4 to 6 years of age will put together a special tooth pocket for the Tooth Fairy. Pre-register.

PENNY POCKETS
July 27, Wed. 2pm 7 to 10 year olds will make a pouch to carry change. Pre-registration.

SCAVENGER HUNT
July 28, Thurs. 2pm If you are 11 or older, come to the library for a scavenger hunt and prizes. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

MR. SHARK'S SEA ADVENTURES THEATER
July 5, Tues. 10:30am Mr. Shark, a delightful puppet, will lead preschoolers in songs and stories with a nautical theme. To complete the program we will craft a "sea creature." Pre-register.

READER LEADER
July 6 & 13, Wed. 2pm Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME!
July 7 & 14, Thurs. 10:30am Children (age 2), accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities. Each session is about a half hour. Pre-register.

MR. SHARK'S SEA ADVENTURES THEATER
July 7, Thurs. 2pm School aged children will enjoy the antics of the delightful puppet, Mr. Shark, with songs and stories with a maritime theme. A sea creature craft will complete the program. Pre-register.

WATER FUN!
July 12, Tues. 10:30am Preschoolers listen to stories before cooling-off with water activities. Children should wear swimsuits and sunscreen and bring a towel. Pre-register.

BUBBLES GALORE!
July 14, Thurs. 2pm School aged children make a bubble solution and use a variety of wands to create bubbles outside, weather permitting. Dress for a messy activity! Pre-register.

SUMMER LUAU
July 18, Mon. 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a variety of activities including storytelling, books, songs, music, games, crafts and refreshments. Pre-register.

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CRAFT FAIR
July 19, Tues. 2pm Preschoolers will make a variety of simple crafts, including necklaces and fancy headbands. Pre-register.

GAME SHOW MANIA
July 20, Wed. 2pm Teens, ages 12 and older, will play TV game shows library-style, such as *Fear Factor, Whose Line Is It Anyway?, Beat the Clock*, and more. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER MANIA!
July 21, Thurs. 1pm Back by popular demand, school aged children will celebrate more Harry Potter fun with Quidditch, games and magical crafts & snacks. Pre-register.

GRAND FINALE!
July 27, Wed. 2pm All ages will be entertained by ***Mr. Smags the Pirate***, who will lead the children in stories and tricks. A parent or caregiver must accompany children younger than five.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

TREASURES OF THE DEEP
July 5, Tues. 1pm or 3pm Grade school aged children will watch a short film about sharks and participate in other activities. Each child will receive a real shark's tooth to take home. Pre-register.

SHELLS
July 6, Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers will hear *Old Shell/New Shell* by Helen Ward, participate in active songs and make a simple craft to take home. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ
July 7, Thurs. 1:30pm Youngsters , grade 4th or higher, can bring a copy of their favorite Lemony Snicket book and an enemy from the story. We will discuss the grim details and dire circumstances in these dreadful books. Dreary refreshments and tarnished doubloons will be available. Pre-register.

BROWN BAG MOVIE
July 8, Fri. 12:30pm Bring lunch and a beverage to view Disney's tale of Ariel and her friends on the library's big screen presentation of *The Little Mermaid.* Popcorn will be provided. Pre-register.

TREASURED PETS
July 11, Mon. 10:30am Doggy Tales for toddlers and their caregivers will be the feature of the day during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Pre-register.

INDOOR PET SHOW
July 12, Tues. 1:30pm For children of any age, bring your pet or just come to look at the Indoor Pet Show. Pets must be in a cage or on a leash. No pet? Stuffed animals will have a special display. Awards will be distributed. ***You must register your name and your pet by Saturday, July 9th.***

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
July 13, Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers (3 to 5 year olds) will listen to stories about pets, sing active songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE CAFÉ
July 14, Thurs. 1:30pm For children in 4th grade or higher, celebrate the upcoming release of ***Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*** with Harry Potter trivia, book discussion, games and a door prize. Pre-register.

TASTY TREASURES
July 18, Mon. 10:30am Toddlers and their caregivers will listen to stories about food, sing active songs and make a simple snack. Pre-register.

BEN & JERRY TREATS
July 19, Tues. 1pm or 3pm School aged children will learn about making ice cream while making their own. When finished, they will taste test several flavors of Ben and Jerry's ice cream and their own homemade ice cream. Pre-register.

E CREAM PIZZA
July 20, Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers (ages 3-5) will listen to stories about food, participate in active songs, and make an ice cream pizza to eat. Pre-register.

PIRATE'S COVE PIZZA CHALLENGE!
July 21, Thurs. 1:30pm Participants in 4th grade or higher will taste and rate pizzas from several Highland pizza restaurants to determine a 2005 winner. Pre-register.

BROWN BAG MOVIE
July 22, Fri. 12:30pm Bring lunch and a beverage and enjoy an afternoon filled with comedy, action and pure Disney fun on the library's big screen presentation of *That Darn Cat.* Popcorn will be provided. Pre-register.

HERE KITTY, KITTY
July 25, Mon. 10:30am Toddlers and their caregivers will hear stories about kittens, sing active songs, and create a simple craft. Pre-register.

EGYPTIAN MUMMIES
July 26, Tues. 1pm or 3pm Children who have completed kindergarten or higher will watch the Reading Rainbow video *Mummies Made in Egypt.* An Egyptian craft will follow. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE NILE
July 27, Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers will hear *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* and other stories. They will then make a craft. Pre-register.

YSTERIES OF THE NILE
July 28, Thurs. 1:30pm 4th graders or higher can bring a friend to **Pirates Cove Café** and explore "Pyramid Power" and other mysteries of the Nile. Eat, play games and make a "Cartouche" to take home. Pre-register.

PICNIC
July 29, Fri. 12:30pm Children who have participated in the Summer Reading Program and their parents are invited to bring a lunch to the Main Square Gazebo for our annual closing day picnic. Lynn Kimble will bring one of her leader dogs in training and talk to us about the "Leader Dogs for the Blind Program."

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

CHECKMATE @ YOUR LIBRARY
July 5, 12, 19, & 26, Tues. 3:30-4:30pm Fifth and sixth graders interested in chess are invited to play a game with Sgt. Michael Ferjo of the Indiana National Guard while learning skills for a drug free life.

MOVIE BREAK
July 7, Thurs. 2pm Go back to the beginning with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Bring a snack and enjoy this movie presentation.

OPEN MIC NITE
y 20, Wed. 6pm to 8pm Young Adults (grades 4-12) are invited to perform at the library. The setting will be a coffee house type environment with coffee and other good things to drink and eat. Poets, musicians (no electrical instruments), singers, storytellers and all other performers are welcome. Invite your family and friends. Performers must pre-register.

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PET SHOW
July 21, Thurs. 2pm A program for all ages, show off your pet at the Hobart Pet Show. All house pets are welcome. Every pet will be awarded a special certificate of participation. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage. ***All pets and owners must be registered to participate in this program.***

ANIMAL RESCUE
July 28, Thurs. 2pm Learn about an animal rescue program with Mark Seeger, a Wildlife Rehabilitator. Mr. Seeger is associated with the Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehab Center. All participants are asked to bring a can of dog food to this program to help feed the animals.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

SPIDERS AND SNAKES
July 11, Mon. 6pm Children ages 3 to 7 will hear presentations, view short films, and participate in activities on the topic of "I Like Spiders and Snakes."

ANIMALS GALORE
July 18, Mon. 6pm 3 to 7 year olds will enjoy tales about "Adorable Animals," along with a short film, and activities that include songs, finger plays and crafts.

PRESSED FLOWERS
July 20, Wed. 1:30pm The art of flower pressing will be explained to school aged children. There will be a variety of pressed flowers to glue into arrangements for cards and bookmarks. Pre-register.

THE GRANDPARENTS
July 25, Mon. 6pm This story time for 3 to 7 year olds will include yarns about "Grandma and Grandpa" with a bevy of other activities relating to this subject.

WATER GAMES
July 27, Wed. 1:30pm School aged children will be in for a great time with water balloons and fun relay races. This will take place on the front lawn. Dress to get wet, and bring a towel! Pre-register.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
July 27, Wed. 6pm Teens and pre-teens will meet to discuss books read during the summer months. Cookies and juice will be served. Call the library to learn which books are being discussed.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

SPIDERS AND SNAKES
July 12, Tues. 1pm Children ages 3 to 7 will hear presentations, view short films, and participate in activities on the topic of "I Like Spiders and Snakes."

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July 19, Tues. 1pm 3 to 7 year olds will enjoy tales about "Adorable Animals," along with a short film, and activities that include songs, finger plays and crafts.

PRESSED FLOWERS
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THE GRANDPARENTS
July 26, Tues. 1pm This story time for 3 to 7 year olds will include yarns about "Grandma and Grandpa" with a bevy of other activities relating to this subject.

WATER GAMES
July 28, Thurs 1:30pm School aged children will be in for a great time with water balloons and fun relay races. This will take place on the front lawn. Dress to get wet, and bring a towel! Pre-register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MEETING
July 1, Fri. 1:30pm Volunteers who have been helping with the Summer Reading Program are invited to an organizational meeting and ice cream social.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s
July 11, 18, & 25, Mon. 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other related activities. Themes are: Pirate Treasures, Mummy Treasures and "I Spy" Treasures.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s
July 12, 19 & 26, Tues. 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, videos, crafts and other related activities with a different theme each week. Themes are: Pirate Treasures, Mummy Treasures and "I Spy" Treasures.

PAPER MAKING
July 12 & 19, Tues. 1:30pm A project for young adults, 4th grade or older.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
July 13, 20 & 27, Wed. 10:30am or 1:30pm School age youngsters will enjoy stories, music, videos, crafts and other related activities with a different theme each week. Themes are: Pirate Treasures, Mummy Treasures and "I Spy" Treasures.

POPCORN CAKE MAKING
July 26, Tues. 1:30pm A project for young adults, 4th grade or older.

SUMMER READING PLAY PERFORMANCE
July 30, Sat. at 2pm The Munster Summer Players will present *Peter Pan*. Everyone is invited!

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

LUNCHTIME MOVIE
July 6, Wed. 12pm School aged children (K on up) may bring a sack lunch while watching the animated version of *Peter Pan*. Please do not bring red or dark colored liquids.

CANINE UNIT
July 7, Thurs. 2pm The Dyer Police Department Canine Unit will educate and entertain children of all ages.

PRESCHOOL SUNKEN TREASURES
July 12, Tues 2pm or July 13, Wed. 10:30am Children will hear stories about the sea and watch the film *Seashore Surprise*. Bring beach towels and wear a bathing suit! Pre-register.

ANIMAL CLINIC VISIT
July 14, Thurs. 10:30am A technician from the St. John Animal Clinic will bring a few animals and discuss the care and feeding of pets for school aged children. Pre-register.

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PRESCHOOL FAMILY EVENING
July 14, Thurs. 6:30pm Young children (ages 2-5) who are not able to attend daytime summer programs are invited, along with their parents, to attend an evening story time including music, games and a craft. Pre-register.

FIRE! FIRE!
July 19, Tues. 2pm Put out the heat of summer with a spray from the Schererville Fire Engine! Learn about safety from the experts. Bring a towel! In the event of rain, the program will be postponed until Wednesday, July 20th at 2pm. Pre-register.

EGYPTIAN TREASURES
July 21, Thurs. 10:30am or 2pm School aged children will learn the fascinating facts of ancient Egyptian pyramids, mummies, and buried treasure. Pre-register.

TODDLER TRANSPORTATOIN
July 27, Wed. 11am Toddlers (age 2), along with their caregivers, will hear stories about trains and other modes of transportation. Pre-register.

FUN FAIR
July 28, Thurs. 6:30-8:30pm Children who participated in Summer Reading are invited to join us for the closing program of games and refreshments.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

TREASURES IN THE SKY
July 5, Tues. 10:30am Children (ages 3-7) will hear stories about the sun, moon and stars; sing songs, and make a craft. Pre-register.

SUNKEN TREASURES
July 12, Tues. 10:30am Children (ages 3-7) will hear stories about the sea, and watch the film *Seashore Surprise*. Participants may bring beach towels and wear bathing suits. Pre-register.

BOOKS ON FILM
July 19, Tues. 10:30am Children (ages 3-7) will enjoy watching *Miss Nelson* and other children's stories on film. Children may bring a snack. This program is limited to 20 children, so be sure to pre-register.

KIDS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN
July 26, Tues. 10:30am Children (ages 3-7) will hear funny stories, sing songs and play board games. Pre-register.

There's still time to

Find Hidden Treasure

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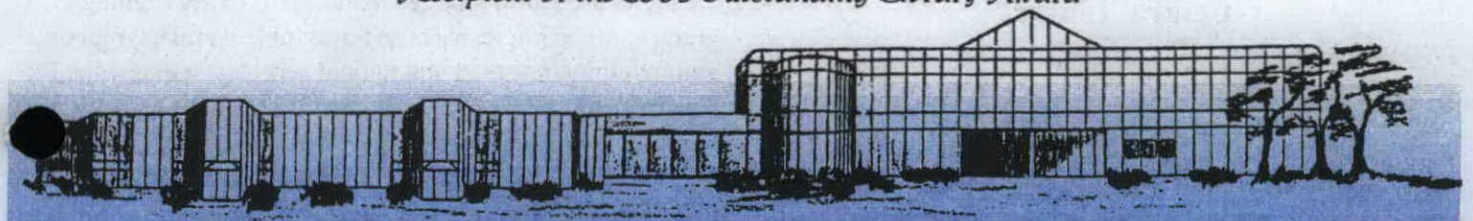




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AUGUST 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

NORTHWEST INDIANA:

UNIQUELY DIVERSE

Life is a learning experience and I recently had a terrific learning opportunity!

While doing research for a grant project, I once again discovered the uniqueness of Northwest Indiana. The Calumet Regional Archives has identified 98 different ethnic groups who call Lake County home. This [redacted]rsity has given Lake County a rich cultural history.

Multicultural grant enhances library services to diverse cultures. Check out what's new!

Lake County Public Library has always recognized the cultural diversity of our patrons and makes every attempt to offer library services to various peoples and cultures. We currently have a rotating Spanish language collection at all locations. The Literacy Program offers English and United States Citizenship classes for our patrons. We provide language translation software on our web site and a dual language library card application.

The library was recently awarded a multicultural grant to further enhance library services to diverse cultures. We will be adding culturally diverse books, periodicals, CDs and DVDs to our library collection. During the next year the library will continue to reach out and offer vari[redacted]cultural programs to inform and entertain the public.

Our first program was held in July with the regional archivist, Steve McShane. Our program this month is titled *Growing Up Jewish in Dunes Country* with local historian, Trent Pendley. In September we will hold an entertainment program for children and adults with a cultural icon from Chicago, and we will be scheduling additional programs throughout the year. Look for news about these programs in Happenings, on LakeNET and at the library web site www.lakeco.lib.in.us. All of our branches will have program flyers and can answer any questions about the programs.

Northwest Indiana is uniquely diverse place and we need to share our uniqueness with others!

Sharon Ball
Community Resources Coordinator

Lake County 2000 Census
Population statistics
25.3% African American 12.2% Hispanic 1% Asian 5% Other
Language Spoken at Home statistics
60,000 speak a language other than English at home

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Highlights @ your library

July 28th, 7pm
Uniquely Diverse

August 25th, 7pm
Growing Up Jewish in Dunes Country

Please pre-register by calling 769-3541, ext. 334 to reserve seating for these programs.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Aug. 1, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for those learning English as a second language. Located in the Library's Literacy Center, there will be an emphasis on speaking, reading and writing in the English language.Pre-register, ext. 309.

GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Aug. 1, Mon. at 7pm Enjoy Northwest Indiana's own jazz ensemble, The Oscars, for their program, "The Great American Songbook," featuring works by Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers, and Fats Waller with a splash of Djang Reinhardt. A short commentary will introduce this style of music. The concert will take place in the library's lower level and is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake County Public Library. Pre-register, ext. 317.

RUNNING HEAD: TOM HARMON

Aug. 2, Tues. at 3pm During the late 1930s, a young running back from Gary, known as "Old 98," "the Gary Ghost," and "the Gary Galloper," thrilled fans of the University of Michigan's football team with his versatile athletic ability. Sixty-five years after he captured the 1940 Heisman Trophy as the nation's outstanding collegiate football player, Tom Harmon remains the only native Hoosier to have achieved this accolade. Author Nelson Price will discuss his research and interviews with Tom Harmon. A former columnist for the Indianapolis Star, Price is the author of several books, including *Indiana Legends: Famous Hoosiers*. The program is co-sponsored by Traces on the Road, Indiana Historical Society. Pre-register, ext. 317.

TEAM IN TRAINING

8 Aug. Mon. at 6:30pm This program provides training to run or walk a full or half marathon, or complete an Olympic-distance triathlon or century cycling event. Sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society/Indiana Chapter, T-N-T is the world's largest endurance sports training program, whose participants raise funds for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research and patient services in exchange for training, support, lodging and airfare to the event of their choice. To learn more about TNT and to register for one of TNT's Winter 2006 events, join staff and coaches at this informational meeting. Pre-register by calling 1-800-846-7764 or visit www.teamintraining.org/in

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

TRAVEL THE SILK ROAD

GREAT DECISIONS: CHINA

Aug. 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm Following the program set by the Foreign Policy Association (a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization) the discussion centers on significant international issues that influence American lives. The FPA publishes a briefing book, as well as the ballot for the participant to complete for a report which is sent to the White House, the departments of State and Defense, members of Congress, and the media. A brief video presentation introduces the topic each month. There is a one time $5 fee to cover the cost of the briefing books and videos. Pre-register, ext. 339.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *When I Lived In Modern Times* by Linda Grant. It's 1946 in Palestine when Evelyn Sert, a 20 year old Jewish immigrant from London, is trying to create a meaningful life for herself in what will become the new nation of Israel. Her struggle is entwined with that of others, such as the British occupation forces, Zionists and Arab settlers. The story reflects the turmoil of displaced people at any time or place. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Aug. 12, Fri. at 10am This month's topic is "Lake County Hazardous Waste Program" presented by Rita Mazza, Educator with the Lake County Solid Waste Management District. For more information, call Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club at 473-4433.

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE

15 Aug., Mon. at 6:30pm The Indiana Historical Society is sponsoring a program on outdoor public sculpture in Lake County. Public historian Glory-June Greiff will share Indiana sites of interest from her book, *Remembrance, Faith & Fancy: Outdoor Public Sculpture in Indiana,* and answer questions about Indiana's growing collection of sculpture. Participants will have three weeks prior to the program to search for statues and monuments in a "*scavenger hunt.*" Instruction sheets will be available at the Lake County Public Library's twelve locations. Pre-register, ext. 334.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Where can one find local language statistics?

A Extracted from the U.S. Census, the MLA (Modern Language Association) web site provides an easy way to look up how many people speak a certain language at home in a particular geographic region. The regions available include county, city, and zip code levels.
Their web site is at www.mla.org/ census data

Using Lake County as an example, the top five languages spoken in numerical ranking are:
English
Spanish or Spanish Creole
Serbo-Croatian
Polish
Other Slavic languages

GARDENING FOR THE DISABLED

Aug. 16, Tues. at 7pm In the tradition of "helping others grow," Master Gardener Anna Barnes will present this program facilitating the horticulture possibilities for those with limited mobility. Sponsored in cooperation with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, this is the sixth in a series of gardening programs. Pre-register ext. 317.

CORPORATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS/LLC

Aug. 19, Fri. from 9:30am to 4pm Co-sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, this workshop comprises the formation of entities such as: C-corporations, S-corporations, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies. Included are the tax forms to be completed along with a discussion of the business permitted expenses including salaries, commissions, vehicle expenses, travel, entertainment and other miscellaneous expenditures. Register early, ext. 334.

JEWISH LIFE IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 7pm The President of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Trent Pendley, will discuss the history of the Jewish Community in Northwest Indiana. Mr. Pendley has researched and written *The Jewish History of the Indiana Dunes Country 1820-1950."* Pre-register, ext. 334.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Chef Pierre Chevalier's flaming Bananas Foster develops into a three alarm fire. Then the attorney for a local conservation group is murdered. Beauty salon owner, Marla Shore, sees a connection. Join us for an informal discussion of *Hair Raiser, A Bad Hair Day Mystery* by Nancy J. Cohen, and enjoy a tasty dessert. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm In A.D. 79, Marcus Attilius Primus is searching to determine why the water supply of the town of Misenum is diminishing. Traveling to Pompeii, he discovers the source of the problem but encounters bigger dangers with the eruption of the volcano. Join us as we travel back in time to discuss *Pompeii* by Robert Harris. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 17, Wed. at 7pm 1930s Kansas is hit by hard times. The weekly meeting of the quilting group is a highlight of Queenie Bean's life as they work to improve their minds, sew quilts, and gossip, yet demonstrate a fierce loyalty to each other. Join us for an informal discussion of *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas, and dessert. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 23, Tues. from 2pm-3:30pm Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. Concentrates on moving the mouse, clicking and important parts of the keyboard. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 24, Wed. from 2pm-3:30pm Basic Windows training will enable you to use computers at the library (e.g. using a mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, etc.). Pre-register.

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COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 25, Thurs. from 2pm-3:30pm Learn what can be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines, Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 29, Mon. from 6pm-7:30pm Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. Concentrates on moving the mouse, clicking and important parts of the keyboard. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 30, Tues. from 6pm-7:30pm Basic Windows training will enable you to use computers at the library (e.g. using a mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, etc.). Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 31, Wed. from 6pm-7:30pm Learn what can be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines, Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. Pre-register

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SCRAPBOOKING

Aug. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. The instructor is scrap booking consultant, Kathy Burdick. Fee of $5 to cover the cost of materials. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: *MYSTERIOUS PLACES OF ENGLAND*

Aug. 9, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the ancient mysteries of England, from the mystical 'altars' of Cornwall to the controversial gravesite of King Arthur to the world famous Stonehenge. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOKS & CHAT

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Bonfire of the Vanities* by Tom Wolfe. This biting, humorous, clever, satirical novel follows "Master of the Universe" Wall Street trader, Sherman McCoy, who has it all – Park Avenue apartment, beautiful wife, a mistress, power and prestige Then one wrong turn brings everything crashing down around him. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Aug. 23, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn all about Mexico via the big screen. This film combines history, travel, interviews, and scenery to give viewers an impression of the country and its people. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Aug. 25 & 26, Thurs. and Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Participants will take a refresher course in safe driving and

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Looking for health and medical information? Try one of the databases listed below. They are available on the library's website at www.lakeco.lib.in.us .

You can search each database individually or use our Power Search to do a simultaneous search of all the databases at once. Call or visit your local library for more information.

Health and Wellness Resource Center

Use the *Health and Wellness Resource Center* to find magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories, and information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prescription Drugs, etc. Included are links to diet, cancer, and health assessment sites as well as government databases. The material contained in this Resource Center is intended for informational purposes only.

Health Source®: Consumer Edition

This database is the richest collection of consumer health information available to libraries worldwide, providing information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. *Health Source - Consumer Edition* features searchable full text for nearly 300 journals. This database is updated on a daily basis. Search this database separately using EBSCO*host* on *INSPIRE.*

MEDLINE®

MEDLINE provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and much more. Created by the National Library of Medicine, *MEDLINE* allows users to search abstracts from over 4,600 current biomedical journals. Search this database separately using EBSCO*host* on *INSPIRE.*

learn important tips for avoiding driving hazards. Those who complete the course may qualify for auto insurance discounts and should consult with their insurance agent. A $10 fee, check or money order payable to AARP, covers the cost of materials. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO: *ROADSTERS, RUMBLESEATS & COUNTRY DRIVES*

Aug. 1, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm From Henry Ford's Model T to the classics of the 30s and 40s, this film treats viewers to a memorable look at the time, the cars, and the roads that transformed America. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug 9, Tues. at 2pm and 7pm When Joan Castleman decides to leave her husband, Joseph, they are on a flight to Helsinki, where he expects to receive an international literary award. Through flashbacks, we follow the course of their marriage and learn how Joan has subjugated her own career to fan the flames of her husband's writing profession, in *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 10, Wed. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: WASHINGTON

Aug. 15, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm Discover the beauty and culture of *Washington* through visits to Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, the Hoh Rain Forest, the coastline, prairies and farmlands of this northwester state. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug 22, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm When one member of a group of older women loses her husband, the rest of the group cooks up a scheme to memorialize him and raise money for the hospital that took care of him by creating a hugely successful calendar in *Calendar Girls.*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Biographer Martin Nanther turns detective when he attempts to write his great-grandfather's story. Lord Henry Nanther, physician to the royal throne, and early researcher into the causes of hemophilia, lived a life shrouded in mystery and fatality. As Martin traces the life of Henry, he discovers many parallels with his own life and eventually discovers that Henry was the architect of a truly monstrous crime in *The Blood Doctor* by Barbara Vine. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm The story of friendship between a white woman and her black chauffer in *Driving Miss Daisy.*

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO THE ISLAND OF FIJI

Aug. 3, Wed. at 7pm Travelers enjoy the sights and beauty of *Fiji.* Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

Aug. 10, Wed. at 11am to 1pm Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Beginning students need to bring a G hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Classes will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. A fee of $2 will be charged for additional materials. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Aug. 16, Tues. at 2pm This month's discussion introduces us to the genre of Biographies. *Icebound* by Dr. Jerri Nielsen

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Do You Surf? @ your library

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – www.rockhall.com
Features a virtual museum tour, electronic museum postcards from the Rockhall, and lesson plans from the education department. Located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Virtual Tourist – www.virtualtourist.com
Interactive site aimed at learning from other travelers and sharing your travel knowledge. Includes chat, forums, travelogues, photos and maps.

Playbill – www.playbill.com
An online magazine for theatre buffs with Broadway, London, and Regional listings. Serving theatre since 1884.

National Institute on Aging – www.nia.nih.gov
Government site with information on research and practical resources for the aging population.

shows us the struggle of Dr. Nielsen as she is trapped on Antarctica and discovers she has a serious illness. An adventure for any reader! Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 18, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Aug. 3 & 17, Wed. from 5:30pm-8pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to discover new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome!

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 12, Fri. from 1pm-3pm A nurse from Miller's Merry Manor will be here to check blood pressure on the second Friday of each month.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Aug. 9 & 10, Tues. & Wed. from 10:30am to 2:30pm June Laws, an AARP representative, will present this two-day classroom style refresher course designed for adults to improve their driving skills. Senior drivers will review defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Some insurance companies offer a discount to participants. Fee of $10 is payable at the class. Pre-register.

GROWING AND USING HERBS

Aug. 10, Wed. at 7pm Karen Hix, member of the Porter and Lake County Herb Societies, will present this informative program on the best ways to grow and use herbs. Pre-register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Aug. 12, Fri. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. An Indian request in 1854 for 1,000 white brides to ensure peace is secretly approved by the U.S. government in this alternate-history novel. Their journey west is described by May Dodd, a high-society woman released from an asylum where she was incarcerated by her family for an affair. Pre-register.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS*

Aug. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm In a small suburb in Denmark several lonely hearts take a beginner's course in Italian as a way to jump-start the romance in their lives. Pre-register.

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EXPLORE THE UKRAINE

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Travel through *Ukraine*, discovering the largest country by territory in Europe and come in contact with some of its 50,000 inhabitants. Pre-register.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *EUROPA, EUROPA*

Aug. 23, Tues. at 1:30pm A Jewish boy separated from family in the early days of WWII poses as a German orphan and eventually becomes a Hitler Youth. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to the discussion of *Moral Politics-How Liberals and Conservatives Think* by George Lakoff. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 25, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *MONSOON WEDDING*

Aug. 30, Tues. at 1:30pm This film is set in contemporary India where bride-to-be Aditi has to contend with her traditional father, Lalit Verma, who loves his family dearly but does not have time for their "modern ways". Pre-register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Aug. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 8, Mon. from 10am-11am Unity Hospice, Inc., will provide free blood pressure screening.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY: WYOMING

17 Aug., Wed. at 7pm Discover the natural beauty of "The Cowboy State" via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Aug. 24 & 25, Wed. at 7pm & Thurs. at 10:15am When her fiancé is left paralyzed from a tragic accident, Carrie Bell begins to question her familiar world, from her everyday life in Wisconsin to her relationships, as she sets out to rediscover her own identity in *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

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INDIANA'S OUTDOOR PUBLIC SCULPTURE

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Join in the "Scavenger Hunt" for Lake County's Historical Statues and Monuments
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Public Historian Glory-June Greiff will discuss her new book *Remembrance, Faith & Fancy: Outdoor Public Sculpture in Indiana*

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AUGUST 2005



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PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR!

September 19-October 28

READ WITH ME

Aug. 2, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm Children ages 5-7 and their parents are invited to read *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Gannett and then come to talk about it at the library. Pick up a copy of the book at the library. Pre-register.

NIBBLE AND CHAT

Aug. 9, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm Children, ages 8 to 10, and their parents are invited to read *The Dragon's Boy* by Jane Yolen and then come to talk about it at the library. Pick up a copy of the book at the library. Pre-register.

NIBBLE AND CHAT

Aug. 16, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm Children, ages 11 and older, are invited to read J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and then come to talk about it at the library. Adult Fantasy fans are welcome to join us. Pick up a copy of the book at the library. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Aug. 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board (12 and older), and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Pre-register.

WEE ONES

Aug. 23 & Aug. 30, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this four week session of programs (which continues into Sept.). Each half-hour program will include stories, songs and developmen-toys. Pre-register.

GIZMOS & GADGETS FAMILY STORYTIME FUN

Aug. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages (ages 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult) will observe National Inventors' Month by hearing stories, watching a film and making their own silly putty and other interesting concoctions and contraptions. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

CHECKMATE@YOUR LIBRARY

Aug. 2, Tues. at 3:30pm Fifth and sixth graders interested in Chess are invited to play a game with Sgt. Michael Ferjo of the Indiana National Guard while learning skills for a drug free life. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 24, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12 and older, will have the opportunity to discuss the second of the ***Series of Unfortunate Events***, "***The Reptile Room***" by Lemony Snicket. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

THANK YOU PIZZA PARTY

Aug. 1, Mon. at 1:30pm To express our appreciation for all their help, there will be a *pizza party* for all of the summer student volunteers.

AWARDS OPEN HOUSE

Aug. 2, Tues from 10am to noon To celebrate the end of the *Summer Reading Program*, the library will host an *Awards Open House* with certificates, ribbons and extra prizes. Any child (age 2 and older) who has participated in the summer reading program is invited to attend.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

Aug. 3 & 4, Wed. & Thurs. For youngsters 11 years of age and older a Red Cross sponsored babysitter training class will be offered. Proof of age and a $25 fee for cost of materials required. Pre-register for either the morning sessions 9am to 1pm or afternoon class 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

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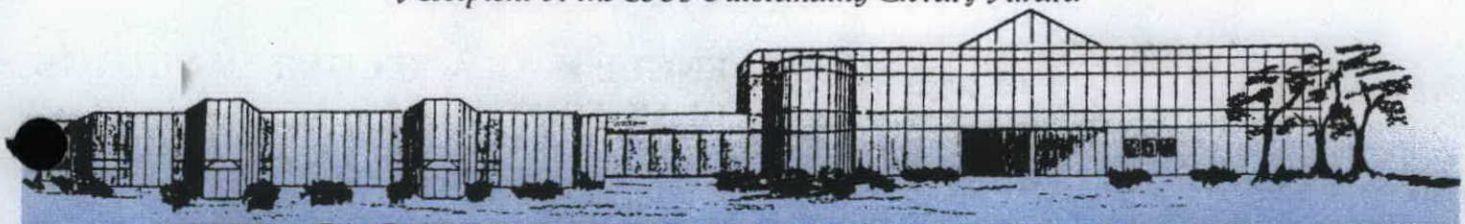
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SEPTEMBER 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

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Your library card is your ticket to a world of opportunity. With the **Smartest Card**, you have access to a goldmine of books, magazines, CDs and all sorts of other resources for the whole family, including computers and internet access that can change their life – or just make it a little more fun. Why buy when you can borrow? Did you know our library owns: 1,142 Bound Magazines & Newspapers; 1,764 Current Magazines & Newspaper Subscriptions; 4,343 CD-ROMs & Magnetic Tapes; 74,382 Audio Cassettes & Compact Discs; 57,522 Videos & DVDs; and 968,289 Books?

During the month of September, school and public libraries around the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply a student can own. Studies show that children who are read stories and who use the library perform better in school.

What's the Smartest Card around?
Find it at your local LCPL Library

Libraries make learning fun. Encourage your child to ask a pro, your librarian, for homework help. Our librarians can recommend and help students locate materials suitable for their grade level and interests.

Our library has something for every age and interest and is not just about books anymore. We are also a community center where adults can gather for a variety of free programs including: book discussions, craft activities and musical performances. Don't tell anyone, but some people just visit the library for the peace and quiet.

We also have free activities for children. Check out our **Happenings Jr.** in this newsletter to locate the days, times and locations for children's programs featured during the month of September.

Are you one of the 217,349 people in our library district who are privileged to have the **Smartest Card**? Visit our library today and use, or apply for, your library card. It's your ticket to a world of opportunity and it's only available from your library.

Deborah Walker
Manager of Circulation Services

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769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE: IMMIGRATION RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW

Sept. 6, Tues. from 6:30 to 8:30pm Larry Sharpe, executive director of the International Institute/La Casa, will discuss all aspects of the immigration process. Topics will include adjustment of status, visa processing, relative petition, work authorization, form I-864s and citizenship. Pre-register, ext. 309.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 7, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Pre-register, ext. 346.

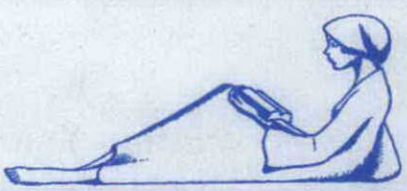
CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* by David K. Shipler. An objective search for understanding by a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, this is a portrait of the diverse peoples of present-day Israel and Palestine, focusing on how they view each other; how their attitudes developed; and how these feelings are expressed in their daily interactions. Impartial and factual, it is a valuable key to understanding the problems of the Middle East. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Sept. 9, Fri. at 9:30am This month's topic is "American Red Cross Update," presented by Tula Gogolak and Gwen Jordan of the American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana. For further information call Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club at 473-4433.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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AROUND THE IBERIAN PENINSULA:
Spanish and Portuguese authors and settings

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sept. 12 through Nov. 2, Mon. or Wed. from 6:30 to 8:30 p English classes for those learning English as a Second Language will include speaking, reading and writing English. Three levels of instruction are offered. Classes offer open enrollment, are free of charge, and continue through November 2nd. Pre-register, ext. 309.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: SUDAN'S CRISIS IN DARFUR

Sept. 13 & 27, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. Pre-register, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 14, Wed. 2pm and 6pm The next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Pre-register, ext. 346.

EATING WELL AND STAYING WELL

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 2pm Admit it! You want to live actively, independently, and well in your senior years. Yet, you know living well can be a challenge. You know the challenges–shrinking muscles, aches and pains, chronic diseases, eye problems, constipation, and weight changes. Take heart –you can do something about these challenges! Corrine Powell, a Purdue University Extension educator, will explain ways that eating, sleeping, exercising and even having friends can help you stay positive and take you further along the road to successful aging. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register, ext. 334.

STARTING A BUSINESS & RECORDKEEPING

Sept. 16, Fri. from 9:30am to 4pm This workshop encompasses various types of entities, as well as the tax forms to complete for each entity type. Rules and guidelines are included regarding business income and deductible expenses, such as vehicle expenses, travel, entertainment and business use of home, in addition to keeping records for both income and expenses. Pre-register, ext. 334.

TREES & WOODY SHRUBS

Sept. 20, Tues. at 7pm Master Gardener, Terry Willie,

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron emailed the library and asked if we had statistics on the number of dog attacks in the United States and wanted to know how pit bulls compared to other breeds.

A: Injury Center researchers from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) examined data about deadly dog attacks that occurred during 1979-1998. They found that at least 25 breeds of dogs had been involved in the fatal attacks. However, pit bull-type dogs and Rottweilers were involved in more than half of the deaths for which the breed was known. Of the 227 fatal attacks for which data was available, more than two-thirds of attacks involved a single dog, and more than half involved dogs that were unrestrained on their owner's property. www.cdc.gov/epo

will explain the best variety and care of these larger types of plants. Sponsored in cooperation with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, this is the seventh in a series of gardening programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

OMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 21, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register, ext. 346.

BEYOND THE SEA

Sept. 21, Wed. at 6pm This film, *Beyond the Sea*, traces the personal and musical life of singer/song writer Bobby Darin from the 1950s to his untimely death in 1973. Jim Gordon, film critic from the Post-Tribune, will provide a commentary after the feature is presented. Additionaly, record producer, Henry Farag, will discuss Darin's music career. Pre-register, ext. 317.

MEET THE FIRST LADY OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC: ELLA JENKINS

Sept. 24, Sat. at 2pm Celebrate National Library Card Month with Grammy Award winner, Ella Jenkins. Children, parents and grandparents are invited to join Ella in moving and singing with her music. Discover why she has been called the first lady of children's music. She is a pioneer, who has been recording since 1957, and has released 29 record albums and CDs. Admission is $1 or free with a library card. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Forensic anthropologist Elizabeth MacPherson has her hands full as the official private investigator for her brother's new law firm–wife abuse, bigamy and murder. Join us for an informal discussion of *If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him* by Sharyn McCrumb, and dessert. Pre-register.

FORTY FIRST BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm What happens when a genetically engineered teen tries to sue her parents for control over her own body is the basis for *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Anna has given platelets, blood, bone marrow and more to her older sister, who is dying from cancer. When a kidney transplant is next planned, Anna decides she has had enough. Join us in our discussion of this thought provoking novel. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

LIBRARY CATALOG HOW-TO

Sept. 7, Wed. at 6pm or Sept. 8, Thurs. at 2pm Find out how to find books or av materials in the catalog, in which branch it is located, and how to place an order so it will be sent to your branch. See what you have checked out and renew what you already have checked-out. We'll also take a look at some of the other services available on library computers and the library website. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 10, Sat. at 10am Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. Concentrates on moving the mouse, clicking and important parts of the keyboard. Pre-register.

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NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 10, Sat. at 1pm and 3pm Learn what can be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines. Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. Pre-register.

SKIN CARE AND PROTECTION

Sept. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Men, Women and Teens! You can have your skin professionally analyzed by the patented Skin Analyzer Magnifier Machine. Skin care experts will teach about the healing and repairing of UV damage to the three layers of skin. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 21, Wed. at 7pm New York City hardly prepares Lou and her brother, Oz, for life in the Virginia mountains. While being cared for by their great-grandmother, their mother struggles between life and death. Join us for an informal discussion of *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci, and dessert. Pre-register.

STAMP CAMP

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! She will assist both beginner and advanced stamping students in making several items that may include greeting cards, memo tablet, a book mark and, perhaps, even a decorated candle. Projects will be on display prior to the program. There is a $5 fee for supplies. Pre-register.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 26, Mon. at 1pm *Devil in the White City* is the narrative of two contrasting stories: the chilling tale of a serial killer takes place against the backdrop of Chicago's successful bid to build a great World's Fair at a time of economic depression and encumbered deadlines.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SCRAP BOOKING

Sept. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. The instructor is scrapbooking consultant, Kathy Burdick, who will provide the necessary materials. A fee of $5 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

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TAUNTON MAGAZINES

Taunton's Fine Cooking – is a magazine for people with an avid interest in the art and craft of cooking. It provides inspiration, practical information, recipes, and expert resources for people who are passionate about the art and science of cooking. Edited for beginning, intermediate and advance enthusiasts, the emphasis is on the how's and why's of cooking technique, complemented by recipes and detailed information on food and food preparation.

Taunton's Fine Homebuilding – is for the serious weekend warrior (doers, not the dreamers). It has been the leading residential construction magazine for over 20 years, providing practical and professional information for builders, renovators, or enthusiastic do-it-yourselfers. Regular departments include a "Great Ideas" section with brief descriptions of innovative design and remodeling ideas. Fine Homebuilding made Chicago Tribune's 50 Best Magazines.

Taunton's Fine Woodworking – America's first magazine devoted to woodworking. The magazine provides inspiration, practical information, and expert resources to help you create and build furniture and practice woodworking. It covers an audience from aspiring beginners to accomplished craftsmen. The magazine contains stimulating design ideas, techniques and projects, ingenious tips and jugs and great product reviews.

Taunton's Inspired House – is the magazine for homeowners who want beautiful, comfortable homes that fit their lifestyles. It is full of useful, practical information that inspires readers to make informed choices for them. Each issue of Inspired House includes departments that provide solutions to common problems, suggestions for furnishings and other "Inspired Ideas." The magazine never leaves readers wondering how they can find the great stuff featured – each issue includes a list of Resources to help readers find out more about the ideas and things they love.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: ANCIENT MYSTERIES: CAMELOT

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will join archaeologists and historians as they venture through England in search of the legendary site of the round table. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Sept. 17, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Hummingbird & Flower" on an 8"x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Sept. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. Cal Stephanides begins life as a girl

and then when he turns 14, suddenly discovers he is really a [illegible]. This epic tale spans two generations as Cal probes his past to discover the reasons behind his unusual gene heritage and come to terms with his identity. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Sept. 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will cruise Alaska. They will roam the dramatic and beautiful wilderness, climb the remote and rugged mountains and glaciers, and get close to rare and wonderful wildlife. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Sept. 29, Thurs. at 10am Participants will paint "By the Garden Gate" on an 8"x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
[illegible]-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Vince Bailey Jr. will discuss the advantages of tax-deferred fixed annuities which can provide guaranteed returns on your money, as well as guaranteed return of your money. Attend this morning hour program "Tired of Paying Taxes on Interest" and hear how you might benefit. Call the bank at 972-7317.

HISTORY VIDEO: THE ROCKEFELLERS

Sept. 12, Mon. at 2pm and 7pm A dramatic saga of money, power, scandal and tragedy from John D. Rockefeller's robber baron beginnings to the family's current philanthropic enterprises. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm and 7pm When 18 year old Adair Colley's home in the Missouri Ozarks is nearly burned and [illegible] father is captured by the Union Militia, she gathers up her two younger sisters and goes in search of her father. Along the way she is falsely denounced as a confederate spy and imprisoned in St. Louis. With the help of a Union major, who has fallen in love with her, Adair escapes from prison and makes her way home in *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: AROUND STAVANGER, NORWAY

Sept. 19, Mon. at 2pm and 7pm Stavanger is over 800 years old and has a wide history of old and new. We will visit Ancient Viking settlements, then spend the evening in a modern but quaint city. We will visit deep fjords, wind blown islands and old wooden houses. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Lou Ford is the deputy sheriff of a small town in Texas. He is a little slow and a little boring, but most people don't know about the "sickness" that almost put him away when he was young. His "sickness" requires other victims and is about to surface again in Jim Thompson's *The Killer Inside Me*. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 26, Mon. at 2pm and 6pm This Academy Award winning film, *On the Waterfront*, starring Gary native Karl Malden, tells the story of New York dock workers who are involved with Union violence. Pre-register.

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Do You Surf? @ your library

Public School Review – www.publicschoolreview.com
Public School Review provides free, detailed profiles of USA public schools and their surrounding communities. The site evaluates schools relative to each other and to statewide averages for several key criteria like teacher:student ratios.

CureSearch – www.curesearch.org
September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. CureSearch represents the combined efforts of the Children's Oncology Group and the National Childhood Cancer Foundation to find a cure for childhood cancer. Find information related specific to cancer type, treatment stage and age group, as well as how to get support.

Nappanee Apple Festival – www.nappaneeapplefestival.org
This event features an apple baking contest, apple peeling and pie eating contest, demonstrations, crafts, parade, rides, and food for a family fun weekend. Takes place September 16-18 in Nappanee.

NCAA Football – www.ncaafootball.com
The official home of college football. Contains statistics for Division I, II and III schools, along with polls, records, rules and award winners.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO ITALY

Sept. 1, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Travelers enjoy the sights, historical places and beauty of Italy's countryside. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Sept. 7 & 8, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am to 2:30pm An AARP representative will instruct and refresh motorists age 45 and older on defensive driving techniques. The course covers vision and hearing changes, effects of medication, reaction time changes, left turns, new laws and hazardous driving situations. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate which may entitle participants to auto insurance discounts. A $10 check or money order is payable at the beginning of the class. Pre-register.

CROCHET CLASS

Sept. 14, Wed. at 11am Paulette Grusak will instruct beginning crocheters on the techniques involved. Beginning students need to bring a "G" hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Classes will be held on the second Wednesday of every month. A fee of $2 will be charged for additional materials. Pre-register.

LIBRARY CATALOG 101

Sept. 15, Thurs. from 10am to noon An introductory class to educate library users on how to search and understand the library catalog. Topics will include various searching options, accessing your library account and creating lists of titles for personal use. Attendance limited. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 15, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 20, Tues. from 10am to noon A computer class which teaches participants how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer, including common terminology. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Sept. 20, Tues. at 2pm The focus for this month's book chat is *The Robber Bride* by Margaret Atwood. The story takes place in Toronto, three classmates meet at the funeral of their college friend, Zenia. At lunch after the funeral, they spot their dead friend up to no good! Pre-register.

BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 21, Wed. from 10am to noon This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 22, Thurs. from 10am to noon Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

DABBLE THE DATABASES

Sept. 27, Tues. from 10am to noon Have you ever wondered how to use the library databases? Well now is the time to come in and see what we have to offer and how these fun information helpers work. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Sept. 7 & 21, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome!

CROCHET CLASS

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 9, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm A nurse from Miller's Merry Manor will be here to check blood pressure on the 2nd Friday of each month.

September 5th, Labor Day, ALL branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed.
September is National Library Card Sign Up Month.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

CARMEN

Sept. 7, Wed. at 7pm Dr. William Nelson, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera, *Carmen* by George Bizet. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

COMPANION PLANTING

Sept. 14, Wed. at 7pm Dolly Foster, Master Gardener, will show what plants are good to plant together.

EXPLORE PROVENCE AND PARIS

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Go in search of the essential nature of largely rural Provence, visiting small cities, villages and Roman sites. Then pursue the various arts of Paris on the streets of the right and left banks of the Seine.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 22, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Sept. 29, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Book Borrower* by Alice Mattison is a subtle, rich novel which chronicles the volatile relationship between Tony Ruben and Deborah Laidlaw, two women who meet as young mothers. The issues of loyalty, sacrifice and guilt are explored in their tenuous friendship.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Sept. 29, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *What is War?* By Carl Von Clausewitz. This is a selection from the Third Series of Great Books.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

Dyer-Schererville Branch programming next column

BALANCING THE RESPONSIBILITIES: WOMEN & INVESTING

Sept. 13, Tues. at 7pm U.S. baby boomers are close to, or already in, retirement. Married women outlive their husbands by an average of 17 years. This seminar identifies the challenges facing women and examines ways to overcome these issues. Space is limited. Please pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY: FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Sept. 21, Wed. at 7pm Walk down New York City's famous Fifth Avenue via large-screen video and visit many of its famous landmarks along the way. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Sept. 24, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Birdhouse in Garden." A fee of $12 to cover the cost of materials provided can be paid at the beginning of class. Beginners welcome! Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Sept. 28 & 29, Wed. & Thurs. at 7pm & 10:15am Fashion model, Charlotte Swenson, must cope with the loss of her image and identity when she returns to Manhattan after a devastating car accident and reconstructive surgery. Jennifer Egan's novel, *Look at Me*, explores the meaning of identity and reality in contemporary American culture. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

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Meet Ella Jenkins known as the "First Lady of Children's Folk Song"

Meet Ella Jenkins, known as the "First Lady of Children's Folk Song." This recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Grammy, has been a **Kennedy** Center for the Performing Arts U.S. Delegate to Hong Kong and the former Soviet Union; and has received such honors as the **Parent's** Choice Award, a KOHL Education Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, and the citation Pioneer in Early Television. Join in her **participatory** music on September 24th. See details inside "Happenings!"

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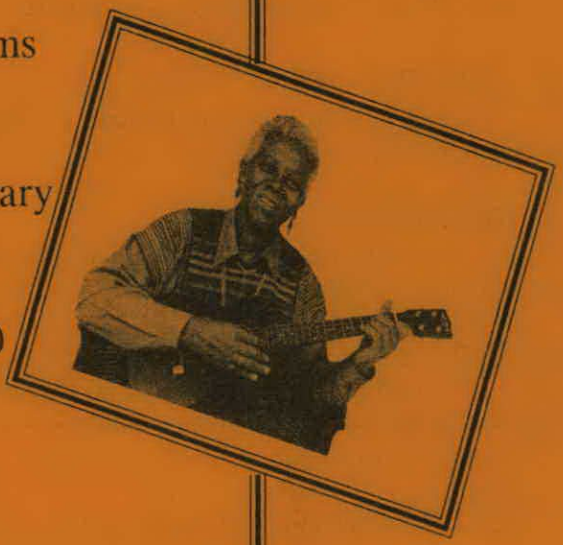
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YAs

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 6:30pm This program is for youngsters currently in 5th grade or higher that are interested in joining our youth volunteers. Each meeting will be organized by the students. Refreshments will be served. Students will have an opportunity to sign-up for volunteer hours for each upcoming month.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Sept. 12, 19, & 26, Mon. at 10:15 or 11:15am Terrific 2 & 3 year olds, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times in September. All three programs will include stories, music, a craft and other theme-related activities. Themes include: BIG Pig, Tickle Your Funny Bone, and, Ice Cream Cones.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Sept. 13, 20, & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Fantastic 4 & 5 year olds will have three Tuesday story times in the month of September. Each program will last 45-60 minutes and will include: stories, music, a video, a craft, and other theme-related activities. This month's themes include: BIG Pig, Tickle Your Funny bone, and, Ice Cream Cones. Four and five year olds attend the program without a caregiver. Each program will be brought to you by a different letter of the alphabet.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Sept. 14 & 28, Wed. at 4pm The After School Group meets twice a month for a one hour program which includes stories, games, crafts, other theme-related activities, and refreshments. Themes for this month are: BIG Pig, and Ice Cream Cones.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PLAY

Sept. 26, Mon. at 4pm Choose your favorite story character and you can have a part in our Children's Book Week Play. The play, *Bookworm's Adventure in Storybook Land*, will take place on Monday, November 14th at 6:30pm. Practices will begin on Monday, 9/26 at 4pm.

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Sept. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Children in grades K-3 may bring their grandparents to hear special stories, watch a film and make a craft. Pre-register.

WHERE'S WALDO?

Sept. 10, Sat. all day Children who show their very own library card at the Information Desk may play the searching game, "Where's Waldo at the library?" to earn a prize. Parents may apply for a library card for children of all ages.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 12, Mon. at 6:30pm or Sept. 13, Tues. at 11am Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will hear stories about farms and harvests at either the evening session on Tuesday or morning session on Wednesday. Lively musical activities and a craft will be included. Pre-register.

CELEBRATE CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Sept. 13, Tues at 6:30pm Children will sample different candy bars and select their favorite. They will create a poster for a new chocolate candy and design their own golden ticket. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20 through Oct. 27, Tues. at 1:30pm, Wed. at 10:30am, Thurs. at 6:30pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, games and crafts during this six week series. Pre-register for either the Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning or Thursday evening sessions.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD – OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 10, Sat. at 2pm Families are invited to an Open House to see what the library has to offer. Children who don't have a library card are encouraged to get one at this time. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20 through Oct. 25, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will enjoy this six week program of stories, songs, games and crafts with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

LABOR DAY CLOSING!

SEPTEMBER 5, 2005

ALL BRANCHES OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED.

TAKE YOUR LIBRARY CARD AROUND THE WORLD

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 4pm Youngsters in K through 6th grade will take a trip around the world with their library card when they participate in stories, games and crafts from other countries. Your library card is your passport to get on board. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 12, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Pre-register.

PIZZA, UNO & MORE

Sept. 19, Mon. at 6pm Teens, 12 and older, will eat pizza while playing Uno, Uno variations and other games. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20 & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program filled with stories, songs, crafts and other related activities, with a different theme each week. This six week program continues through October 25th. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 4pm Students in K through 6th grade will listen to a story and make an apple print wreath. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

TODDLERS – FISHY TALES

Sept. 12, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will hear stories about fish, sing songs, and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

COOL KIDS APPRECIATE ELEPHANTS

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, grades K and up, leave your "tusks" at home, but bring your library card – it's your ticket to participate in a "trunk load" of elephant activities and fun. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept.20, Tues. at 10:30am & Sept. 21, Wed. at 1pm Preschool children, ages 3-5, will enjoy six consecutive weeks of stories, songs, crafts, and other activities. The story hours are offered on Tuesdays at 10:30am and repeated on Wednesdays at 10:30am and 1pm through October 26th. Program themes include: Elephants on Parade; Hooray for Hats; An Apple a Day; Animal Babies; 1-2-Buckle My Shoe; Popcorn. Sign-up once for the 6 week story hour series.

TODDLERS- IF THE SHOE FITS

Sept. 26, Mon. at 10:30am Shoes will be featured during this ½ hour lap-sit story hour for two year olds and their caregivers. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 5pm Learn how to preserve flowers. Children will learn to press flowers with the assistance of the Hobart Garden Club. Pre-register.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 13, Tues. from 6 to 8pm Families are invited to an Open House at the Hobart Branch Library to stop in and see all that the library has to offer.

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SUPER TWOS

Sept. 16, Fri. at 10:30am Children ages 18-35 months and an adult caregiver will enjoy a lap-sit story time. This story time will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Beginning Sept. 20, Tues. at 1pm and 6pm, and Sept. 21, Wed at 10:30am Children age 3-5 years are able to attend a six-week session of story hours. Each story hour will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 14, Wed. at 6pm All are invited to a "Cool Kids Have A Library Card" Open House. Refreshments will be served.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Sept. 19 & 26, Mon. at 6pm This is a six week story hour for children ages 3 to 5, who will hear stories, and participate in finger plays, songs, and crafts, culminating with a Halloween party. For the party, children should wear their Halloween costumes for the parade around the Lake Station Library. Pre-register.

CRAYON RESIST

Sept. 21, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K-4) will hear some stories and then create their own crayon resist art pieces. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 28, Wed. 6pm Teens (grades 5-12) will participate in a book discussion of *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke. Juice and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

CRAYON RESIST

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K-4) will hear some stories and then create their own crayon resist art pieces. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Sept. 27, Tues. at 1pm Preschool children (ages 3-5) will hear stories, and participate in finger plays, songs, and crafts with a Fall Theme. Pre-register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP CELEBRATION

Sept. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Enjoy a one hour program for the whole family; books, tours, games, entertainment, refreshments, and prizes for any child who brings or signs up for a new library card.

WEE ONES

Sept 7 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am Twice each month infants and toddlers aged 6 to 23 months (along with a caregiver) meet for a program of stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes, and our special toy time. These programs last 30-45 minutes. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

COOL KIDS FAMILY STORYTIME

Sept. 7, Wed. from 6-7pm Children and their families are invited to a special story hour in honor of "Cool Kids Have a Library Card." This program is co-sponsored by Altrusa of the Indiana Dunes.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR READING FAMILY STORY TIME

Sept. 8, Thurs. 10am & 1pm Come one, come all…children and their families are invited to two special story hours in honor of International Reading Day. Pre-register, ext. 360.



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ALL BRANCHES WILL BEGIN

FALL PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER FOR 3 TO 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN.

COOL KIDS MAKE CREATURES

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grade K and higher will listen to several stories, play a game and make a cool "lace creature" craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

INTERNATIONAL READING DAY

Sept. 8, Thurs. Help us celebrate International Reading Day by "Putting Your Nose in a Book Indiana." Every person who checks-out a book at any one of our locations will receive a red clown nose, a bookmark and a special prize.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

The American Library Association has designated September as National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Parents can encourage their children to become life-long readers by signing-up and using their library card. Children from 2 years of age through 8th grade who show their library card during the month of September will receive a special treat. "Cool Kids" will also receive a raffle ticket to enter a drawing for a free book.

FALL HAS FALLEN

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grade K and higher will celebrate autumn with stories, games and a craft to honor nature's beauty. Pre-register, ext. 360.

MEET THE FIRST LADY OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC: ELLA JENKINS

Sept. 24, Sat. at 2pm Celebrate National Library Card Month with Grammy Award winner, Ella Jenkins. Children, parents and grandparents are invited to join Ella in moving and singing with her music. Discover why she has been called the first lady of children's music. She is a pioneer, who has been recording since 1957, and has released 29 record albums and CDs. Admission is $1 or free with a library card. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

ORBITS

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades K and up will hear some "out of this world" stories, then make a string hanging. -register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20 & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week story hour (through Oct. 25th) with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

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Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

ORBITS

Sept. 14, Wed. at 4:00pm Children in grades K and up will hear some "out of this world" stories, then make a string hanging. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 19 & 26, Mon. at 1pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week story hour (through Oct. 24th) with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

KEEPING IT SECRET

Sept. 9, Fri. at 3:30pm Children in grades K and up will make a cipher wheel to share with their friends so that all those classroom notes will be in code. Pre-register.

COOL KIDS HAVE LIBRARY CARDS

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Children of all ages are welcome to join a magical program of pixie dust and fairy wings. Children will make a magic wand and a drinkable potion. Admittance is a library card. All children will receive a prize by showing us their library card. Come in and get a card this evening.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20, 27, Tues. at 10:30am & Sept. 21, 28, Wed. at 1pm Preschool story hour is a program using books, games and finger play for children ages 3 to 5. The six week session (through Oct. 25/26) will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30am and Wednesdays at 1pm. Pre-register for either session by calling the library.

TIME TRAVELERS

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 3:30pm This year the time travelers will return to the Middle Ages. We will read *Crispin of the Iron Cross* by Avi. We'll look at careers in the Middle Ages and make trade signs. Program directed toward children ages 7 and older. Pre-register.

BREAD-BOARDING

Sept. 29, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K and up will enjoy making puppets for the story *The Little Red Hen*. We will also paint bread and play upset the bread basket. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

WEE ONES

Sept. 6 & 13, Tues. at 10:30am Wee Ones continues in September for Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 23 months, with their caregiver. Each half-hour program will include stories, songs and developmental toys. Pre-register.

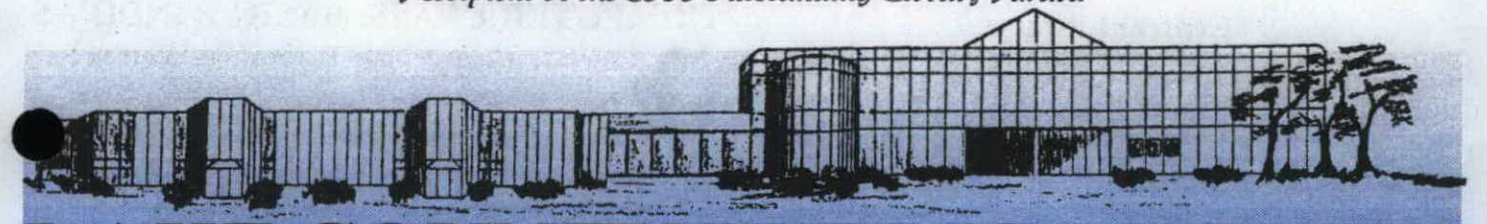
COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Library Card month with crafts, games and refreshments. Children who show their library card or who apply for their first card will win a prize.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities. Pre-register.

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OCTOBER 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

OCTOBER: TIME TO HARVEST INTO ALL OF OUR LIBRARY SERVICES

The Lake County Public Library is helping those in need to save gas. Let's face it; we are all in shock of the escalating gas prices. Here at our library, we understand your need for conserving our precious, expensive fuel. So we are here to remind you of our special programs and ways to stay home, while still enjoying the library's features. Just by using our website, a resident is able to find out more information on the library itself, search for library materials that we own, view library materials, put an item on reserve, locate our branches and their book discussion groups, obtain information about adult and children's library programs, learn about the community, obtain suggestions for books to read, and even read an e-book. To check out all we have to offer, visit us at our website, www.lakeco.lib.in.us.

Need to save gas money???
Contrary to popular belief, people don't have to leave home to use the library.

The Lake County Public Library Foundation will host its annual Tribute Dinner on Friday, October 21, 2005 at the Croatian Center. The goal is to honor those who are dedicated to the ideals of Lake County Public Library. Entertainment will be Hobart High School's women's musical group, Wolfgang. Some other highlights to the evening will be the presentations of the Lake County Public Library's Distinguished Service Award and Corporate Leadership Award. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 219-769-3541, ext. 317.

This month, take advantage of our free computer classes. These computer classes are extremely helpful for beginners and anyone who needs a little refresher. Classes start from the basics, such as learning how to hold, move, and even click a mouse. The next step is a class to learn computer terminology and about Windows, which then leads to the class of navigating the net. To pre-register, call 219-769-3541, ext. 346. The Cedar Lake Branch is also offering a computer class for kids to learn how to create a basic web page with text and pictures. Pre-registration is needed.

Our Annual Fall Book Sale, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake County Public Library, is scheduled at the beginning of October. The sale will be held downstairs in the conference room, which is by the children's area, as well as the book sale room. Each year, the Friends are able to sell about 10,000 books to the public. Proceeds to all book sales are used towards funding programs such as the Garden Series, or the Music Program. Regular hours for the book sale room are Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm to 8pm and Saturdays 9:30am to 4pm. Monthly half-off sales are also offered. The next half-off sale will be Thursday, November 17, 2005. Not only does the sale sell books, but it also includes magazines, encyclopedias, records, and cassettes. Come and see what we have in store for you.

Jennifer Gast
Marketing Manager

Annual Friends Book Sale Hours:
Oct. 7: 1-4pm Oct. 8: 9-4pm
Friends pre-sale: Oct. 6: 4-7pm

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Central Library

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769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

FALL BOOK SALE!!!

Oct. 7 & 8 Fri. from 1pm to 4pm, Sat. from 9am to 4pm It's the annual Book Sale open to everyone, featuring over 10,000 books and audio visual materials at incredible price savings! Special vintage books from the early 1900s, as well as hard cover and paperback novels, biographies and non-fiction contemporary books and wonderful children's books, all in excellent condition, can be reviewed and purchased. Oct. 6th from 4pm to 7pm Preview Sale for all *Friends* of the Library members only. Membership renewals and new members can be accommodated on this Thursday evening pre-sale.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Oct. 5, Wed. 2pm or 6pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse. Pre-register, ext. 346.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Oct. 3,5,10,12,17,19, Mon. & Wed. at 6:30pm English Classes for those learning English as a second language include speaking, reading and writing. Three levels of instruction are offered free of charge and continue through Nov. 2nd. Pre-register, ext. 309.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: GLOBAL POVERTY GAP

Oct. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. Pre-register, ext. 339.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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FALL INTO NEW ENGLAND:
a colorful tour through books and authors

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm The next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Pre-register, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Joining in the One Region One Book project of Northwest Indiana, readers are invited to a discussion of *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. William's father Edward has always been a mystery to him, and now he is dying. In a last effort to know his dad as he really is, William is driven to make up a life for Edward in a series of heroic, magical, and often very funny stories, and he thereby finds his way to understanding both his father and his own life. Pre-register, ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Oct. 14, Fri. at 9:30am Presented by Mary Phillips, Vice President of Centier Bank's Security Department will be a discussion entitled "Identity Theft." For further information, contact Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

GARDENING

Oct. 18, Tues. at 7pm What to do about the site where you receive your mail! Master Gardener Bob Hamady, will present alternatives for Mailbox Landscaping to improve enhance that tiny section of your front yard seen daily by passing motorists. The gardening series features Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 19, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register, ext. 346.

EMPLOYMENT TAXES

Oct. 21, Fri. 9:30am to 4pm This workshop encompasses the discussion of who is an employee vs. who is an independent contractor, along with preparing form SS8 if it is needed. Filing of employment tax forms, such as 940 and 941, are included, as well as issuance of W-2 vs. 1099 forms. Pre-register, ext. 334.

ONE REGION ONE BOOK: THE MOVIE

Oct. 22, Sat. at 1pm You've read the book, now see the movie! Join us to view *Big Fish*, a film version of this year's

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Patrons are asking why this message comes up when they try to log into their library card record on the library's web catalog: "Login Failed. Please check your library card number and PIN..."

A: The obvious reason is that the number was typed in incorrectly. The less obvious reason is that the patron's library card has expired. This occurs once a year & the date of expiration is chosen by the computer. Please visit any library location and bring your card and a piece of identification and staff will be happy to update your record. Patrons accessing the "Magazines, Newspapers & Databases PowerSearch" will find a similar message halting access when a library card has expired.

One Region One Book selection. Immediately following the movie there will be a short discussion led by Jim Gordon, film critic for the Post-Tribune. Pre-register, ext. 340.

DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY: EXPLORING THE PERIODICALS DEPARTMENT

Oct. 26, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Presenters will give an overview of the library's magazines and newspapers. Learn how to find a magazine on the library catalog and online. Other demonstrations include the Indiana Census, Ancestry Library, and historic newspapers on microfilm. Pre-register.

HISPANICS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Eliza Vela, Executive Director of Gary neighborhood Services will discuss why Hispanics came to Northwest Indiana and how Hispanics developed a cultural identity here. This is a part of the *Northwest Indiana: Uniquely Diverse* program series. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm When a medium is murdered in a backwoods Florida town, the trail takes Detective Claudia Hershey from the secretive psychic community to the secretive State Legislature. Join us for an informal discussion of In the *Spirit of Murder* by Laura Belgrave, topped off by dessert. Pre-register.

FORTY FIRST BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm U.S. Marshall Teddy Daniels and his partner, Chuck Aule, are at Shutter Island, an army facility turned hospital for the criminally insane. They are investigating the escape of patient Rachel Solando and soon discover that there is more at stake than simply her disappearance. Join our group as we discuss *Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK VIDEO: *BIG FISH*

Oct. 5, Wed. at 6pm Because his relationship with his dying father lacks the intimacy he craves, his son uses his imagination to recreate a heroic male parent in the feature film *Big Fish* based on the novel by Daniel Wallace *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions.*

NUTRITIONAL MEDICINE

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 6:30pm Learn from Dr. Strand's *What Your Doctor Doesn't Know About Nutritional Medicine* as it pertains to skin health, natural resistance to disease and a feeling of general well being. Pre-register.

VIDEO TOUR OF SPAIN

Oct. 10, Mon. at 1pm View Andalucia in the south of Spain from a bicycle and tour the beaches, markets and nightlife of the Canary Islands.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 19, Wed. at 7pm Barnaby Gaitlin got in trouble as a teenager for his habit of breaking into other people's houses. He wasn't looking for big bucks, he just liked to read their mail and look through their photo albums. For eleven years he's had a steady job and life should be smoother, shouldn't

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it? Join us for an informal discussion of *A Patchwork Planet* by Anne Tyler, and enjoy a tasty dessert. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 24, Mon. at 1pm Career woman and homemaker, Sue Bender, upon seeing the simplicity of a display of Amish quilts, recounts her compulsion to experience the aesthetics of a simpler way of life by temporarily living with Amish families in *Plain and Simple*. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SCRAP BOOKING

Oct. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. The instructor is scrap booking consultant, Kathy Burdick, who will provide the necessary materials. A fee of $5 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 8, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Autumn Splendor folk art. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: HAUNTINGS

Oct. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will tour a variety of haunted places and hear many graveyard tales. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 12, Wed. & Oct. 18, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms and typing. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 12 & 19, Wed. at 6:30pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 14, Fri. & Oct. 24, Mon. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Mr. Perfect
by Linda Howard

"You get overheard at lunch making up a list of requirements for the perfect man. The list ends up on the office e-mail and then links to the press. You end up 'famous' and a target for murder. Luckily, that deadbeat neighbor that you've been silently cursing turns out to be an undercover policeman who cleans up rather well. This all adds up to mayhem, murder, romance, and laughs."

LH/Childrens

Shadow Mountain: A Memoir of Wolves, a Woman, and the Wild
by Renee Askins

"Askins founded the Wolf Fund, a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone Park. Her memoir discusses how this project affected her life for many years and raises many significant questions about human management of wild creatures and wilderness."

SA/Systems

The Red Hat Club
by Haywood Smith

"Delightful novel of five women who have been friends for most of their lives. When one of their group needs help "nailing" her husband for infidelity, they go into "high-tech mode" to get the goods and learn some valuable personal lessons along the way."

SM/Circulation

BOOKS AND CHAT

Oct. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. In this year's One Region One Book selection Edward Bloom is dying and his son, William is desperate to know the man who was rarely around while he was growing up. William only knows his father through the tall tales and jokes he has told him all his life. The result is a fantastical, moving, and humorous tale as William tries to find answers about his father – and about life and death. Pre-register

GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will discover the amount

of information available on the internet for tracing their ancestors, including using the library's Ancestry Plus database. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 24, Mon. at 9:30am Participants will be painting Island Sunset on an 8"x 10" canvas. Fee of $12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: HAWAII

Oct. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will see one of the most popular vacation destinations in the world. They will view the flora and fauna that is found nowhere else on this earth. They will enjoy surfing on Waikiki beach, kayaking on the amazing Na Pali coast, visiting volcanoes on the big islands and even learning how to hula. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MOVIE BREAK

Oct. 28, Fri. 3pm Participants will view the moving and funny movie based on this year's One Region One Book selection, *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. This movie is rated PG-13. Popcorn and other goodies will be served. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW ON AUSCHWITZ

Oct. 10, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will share the slides of his visit to Auschwitz in Poland. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 11, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm Readers are invited to join us as we discuss *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. All of Northwest Indiana will be reading this book in the One Book One Region project sponsored by local media. William's father, Edward, has been a mystery to him and now he is dying. In a last effort to know him as he really is, William is driven to make up a life for Edward in a series of heroic, magical and often funny stories. Pre-register.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am The Sand Ridge Morning Club in cooperation with the Lake County Public Library meets the second Thursday of every month with a pertinent variety of topics. Pat Skilnik, an Interior Designer for more than 20 years is sharing her talent with ideas of how to clear out the clutter or even downsize to a smaller home, as well as some great tips on storage. Refreshments served. To pre-register call 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: MEDITERRANEAN

Oct. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm From Roman ruins and ancient castles to modern art and architecture, we will explore Spain's dynamic Mediterranean coast. We will fish for anchovies, take bullfighting lessons and join a paella party aboard a canal boat. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: *OCTOBER SKY*

Oct. 24, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm The true story of Homer Hickam Jr., a high school student in rural West Virginia, who seemed destined to repeat his father's harsh existence in the mines until he turned his attention to the skies. This

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Do You Surf? @ your library

American Philatelic Society – www.stamps.org
U.S. national stamp collecting organization. News and information on stamps, organization activities and services, including stamp expertizing, the monthly magazine, and philatelic research help.

FBI – www.fbi.gov
Official site of the FBI. Besides the list of Most Wanted Fugitives, the FBI website presents crime statistics, explanations of recent fraud scams, an online form to report any suspected criminal activity, and a history of the agency.

Gas Buddy – www.gasbuddy.com
Wondering which station has the least expensive gas prices? This site can help by offering local, real-time prices throughout the entire U.S. and Canada. Prices are posted by consumers.

Occupational Outlook Handbook – www.bls.gov/oco
A classic reference about occupations from A to Z. Compiled by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Includes a description of the work, training and education needed, earnings, and job prospects for each occupation.

film is based on the book *Rocket Boys*, and features the thespian talents of Laura Dern, Chris Cooper and Chris Owen. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 7pm *The Green Man* is an English country pub run by an alcoholic, philanderer named Maurice Allington. The pub is haunted by a wicked, 17th century scholar and murderer known as Thomas Underhill. Maurice's conversations with the ghost cause him to realize the powers of good and evil that wield from beyond the physical world. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: *CHOCOLAT*

Oct. 31, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm A mother and daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French town right before Lent begins. While the Mayor doesn't like this, the warm personality of the shop owner and her excellent chocolates win over the townspeople. This Academy Award nominated film features Johnny Depp, Juliette Binoche and Joanne Harris. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

CROCHETING CLASS

Oct. 12, Wed. at 11am Instructions for beginning crocheters on technique will be provided by Paulette Grusak. Students need to bring a G-hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Classes will be held on the second Wednesday of every month. A fee of $2 will be charged at the beginning of class for additional materials. Pre-register.

ONE REGION ONE BOOK: THE MOVIE

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm The movie *Big Fish* based on the book *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace will be shown and discussed. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Oct. 18, Tues. 2pm He didn't look like much. With his smallish stature, knobby knees, and slightly crooked forelegs, he looked more like a cow pony than a thoroughbred. But looks aren't everything. His quality, an admirer once wrote, "was mostly in his heart." Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of the horse who became a cultural icon in *Seabiscuit: An American Legend.*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 20, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Oct. 5 & 15, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters are welcome.

CROCHET CLASS

Oct. 14, Fri. at 11am Instructions for beginning crocheters on technique will be provided by Paulette Grusak. Students need to bring a G-hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn. Classes will be held on the second Wednesday of every month. A fee of $2 will be charged at the beginning of class for additional materials. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Oct. 14, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm A nurse from Miller's Merry Manor will be here to check blood pressure on the 2nd Friday of each month.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 5, Wed. at 7pm Charles DeWitt, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *La Cenerentola* by Gioachino Rossini. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

BRIDGE FOR TEENAGERS

Oct. 18,25, Tues. at 3:30pm Learn the world's greatest mind sport....bridge. Barbara Walczak, accredited ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) instructor, will teach

middle school and high school students this challenging card game. The series continues for 16 sessions and will lead to a mini-tournament. Pre-register.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 19, Wed. at 7pm Arn Buonamici, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Manon Lescaut* by Giacomo Puccini. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

EXPLORE THE EXOTIC ISLANDS OF EUROPE

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Explore the spectacular sights and fascinating history of the exotic Canary Islands, Gotland, Azores and Iceland. Their remote and often isolated locations have helped to preserve long-standing traditions as well as natural beauty.

TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE: 101 WAYS TO START THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

Oct. 25, Tues. at 7pm Millions of Americans are working past the age of 65, not because they have to, but because they want to. Come and learn inventive and exciting retirement alternatives to help you find fulfillment, purpose, and contribute to society in this phase of your life. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 27, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm In Mark Salzman's *Lying Awake,* Sister John of the Cross, an elderly nun, experiences a series of dazzling visions, but she is confronted with a difficult choice between her spiritual gifts and curing the powerful headaches that accompany her visions.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekov. This is a selection from the Third Series of Great Books.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

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PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 4, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint Dunes I: Sand Dunes with Fence. A fee of $12, paid at the beginning of class, covers the cost of all materials. Beginners are welcome. Pre-register.

BIG FISH: FROM BOOK TO BIG SCREEN

Oct. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Discover how Daniel Wallace, author of *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions*, was influenced by his childhood experiences in Alabama and how Tim Burton brought Wallace's tall tales to life on the big screen. Pre-register.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Oct. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm A program for the whole family, Karen Slager, a member of the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild, will talk about the history of telling stories and demonstrate the art of storytelling. Pre-register.

TEEN READ WEEK: "GET REEL" VOTE

Oct. 17 through 22, Mon. through Sat. Anytime Teens, ages 13-19, can enter to win a movie lover's basket of goodies by voting for their favorite books made into movies during Teen Read Week.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY: MAINE TO KEY WEST

Oct. 19, Wed. at 7pm Take a scenic drive from Maine's rocky coast to the Florida Keys via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Oct. 26, Wed. at 7pm & Oct. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am Join other readers in a discussion of this year's One Region One Book selection *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. Edward Bloom has told his son, William, many stories about his own life, but all of them are mythical and outlandish. Now that Edward is close to death, William searches for the kernels of truth about his father hidden in those fantastic tales. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 1:30pm Edward Bloom has told his son, William, many stories about his own life but all of them are mythical and larger-than-life. Now that Edward is close to death, William searches for the kernels of truth about his father hidden in those fantastic tales. Join other readers in talking about this year's One Region One Book selection *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions*. Pre-register.

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ONE REGION ONE BOOK

All of Northwest Indiana will be focused on the same book in October:

Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions
by Daniel Wallace,
an American novelist, actor, and now, filmographer!

Another reason for becoming a *Friend:*

The *Friends* of the Lake County Public Library are hosting the Annual Fall Book Sale. Visitors will converge on this extraordinary event to find incredible pricing on hard cover books, paperbacks, encyclopedias, audio cassettes, cd's, and even some feature films and documentaries! There will be a "preview sale" for Friends members only on Thursday, October 6th from 4pm to 7pm. You can become a member (or renew your membership) on preview night.

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Merrillville, IN 46410

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1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

THE SHADOW KNOWS

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 4pm School-age children will be looking into the murky world of shadows and silhouettes through stories, games and a craft. Pre-register at ext. 360.



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CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school story hour continues through the month of October with children, ages 3 to 5, enjoying a different theme each week. Pre-register.

HAUNTED HOUSES

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm Come and enjoy a bit of spooky fun as we make a haunted house. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mon. 1pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week story hour (through Oct. 24th) with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

HAUNTED HOUSES

Oct. 12, Wed. at 4pm Come and enjoy a bit of spooky fun as we make a haunted house. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

SURPRISE MAIL

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K & up will design a postcard and learn how to make "rattlesnake mail." Pre-register for this free program.

TIME TRAVELERS

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children ages 7 and older will hear more of Avi's book Crispin of the *Iron Cross*. They will also design a coat of arms for a shield.

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WRAP IT UP

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K & up will enjoy nibbling on mummy fingers, making a mummy pin and turning a library friend into a mummy. Pre-register.

TODDLER HALLOWEEN

Oct. 28, Fri. at 10:30am Children ages 18 to 35 months, and a caregiver, will hear Halloween stories, make a simple craft and go trick-or-treating. Each caregiver should bring 20 pre-wrapped treats to share with the group. Toddlers may wear costumes. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Oct 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. For more information call the library.

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 4 to 25, Tues. 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 4, will enjoy this six week program with stories, songs and simple crafts. Please pre-register.

INTRO TO CHESS

Oct. 6, Thurs. & Oct. 20, Tues. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess and practice their new skills. Interested players will form a chess club and participate in future matches and tournaments. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Oct 13 & 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Two & three year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities during these 30 minute sessions. Please pre-register.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 4pm Students in K-6th grades will watch the movie, *Scooby-Doo and the Gaggle of Galloping Ghosts*. The movie is 60 minutes and is rated G. Popcorn and apple cider will be served.

GET REAL@YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 17 through 22, Mon. through Sat. Anytime During Teen Read Week, teens 12 and older, who read a book will win a prize and be eligible for a drawing for a gift card.

BASIC WEB DESIGN

Oct. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will learn how to create a basic web page with text and pictures. Pre-regsiter.

GET REAL@YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 22, Sat. at 1pm In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for kids in Kindergarten and older. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, limbo, worm races, balloon darts, pie throwing, bobbing for apples, story telling and movies are among the many activities participants will enjoy. Pre-register.

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FUN

Oct. 26, Wed. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will enjoy a puppet show and then participate in some slightly spooky stories and activities. Pre-register.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CORNER

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 4pm Students in K-6th grades will make a hanging balloon ghost and a spooky Halloween pop-up card. Pre-register.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K-5) are invited to carve pumpkins. They must bring their own pumpkin and safe carving tools. Prizes will be awarded for the top three pumpkins. Apple cider and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PLAY

Oct. 3 through 24, Mon. at 4pm There's still time to choose your favorite story character and be a part of our play, *Bookworm's Adventure in Storybook Land*. Practices will be on Mondays in September at 4pm. Any child 5 years or older can attend. The play will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:30pm.

WEE ONES

Oct. 5 and 26, Wed. at 10:30am Twice each month infants and toddlers, aged 6 to 23 months, along with a caregiver, meet for a program of stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes, and our special toy time. These programs last 30-45 minutes. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

YAs

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 6:30pm This program is for students currently in 5th grade or higher that are interested in joining our youth volunteers. Refreshments will be served. Students will have an opportunity to sign-up for volunteer hours for the month of October.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Oct. 10, 17, 24, Mon. at either 10:15am or 11:15am Terrific twos and threes, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times in October. All three October programs will include stories, music, a craft, and other theme related activities. Themes include: Yum-Yum, Stuffed Animal Parade, Halloween Celebration.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Oct. 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am Fantastic four and five year olds will have three story times in the month of October. Each program will last 45-60 minutes and will include: stories, music, a video, a craft, and other theme related activities. This month's themes include: Yum-Yum, Stuffed Animal Parade, and Halloween Celebration. Four and five year olds attend the program without a caregiver. Each program will be brought to you by a different letter of the alphabet.

BRIDGE FOR STUDENTS

Oct. 18,25, Tues. at 3:30pm Learn the world's greatest mind sport....bridge. Barbara Walczak, accredited ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) instructor, will teach middle school and high school students this challenging card game. The series continues for 16 sessions and will lead to a mini-tournament. Pre-register.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Oct. 12, 26, Wed. at 4pm The After School Group meets twice a month for a one hour program, including stories, games, crafts, other theme related activities and refreshments. Themes for this month are Bubble Gum and Lanyards.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

TODDLER TIME

October 3 & 4, Mon. at 6:30pm and Tues. at 11am Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will hear fall-themed stories. Lively musical activities and a craft will be included. Pre-register

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 4 through 27, Tues. at 1:30pm, Wed. at 10:30am, or Thurs. at 6:30pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, games and crafts during this series of story hours. Pre-register.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Oct. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm A program for the whole family, Karen Slager, a member of the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild, will talk about the history of telling stories and demonstrate the art of storytelling. Pre-register.

TEEN READ WEEK: "GET REEL" VOTE

Oct. 17 through 22, Mon. through Sat. Anytime Teens, ages 13-19, can enter to win a movie lover's basket of goodies by voting for their favorite books made into movies during Teen Read Week.

NATIONAL PIZZA MONTH

Oct. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Children will make individual pizzas; play a game and watch a film. Pre-register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Oct. 4,11,18 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, will enjoy stories, songs, games and crafts with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

SCARED STIFF

Oct. 22, Sat. at 3pm Grades 3 and higher will enjoy sharing their favorite Goosebumps story and watching a scary movie. Refreshments will be provided. This program is limited, so pre-register early.

AUTUMN CRYPTOGRAM

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DIRECTIONS:

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A throught Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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Answer:

GET REAL! TEEN READ WEEK

Oct. 17-22, Mon.- Sat. anytime The Hobart, Lake Station and New Chicago Libraries are alive with Teen Read Week – related books and events about biographies, self-help books, strange but true stories, documentary films, and much, much more. Stop by today and see what's real at your library, or pick up a page turner that you can read or listen to just for the fun of it! Enter our contests to win posters, book bags, library card holders and more - simply by checking out materials.

GET REAL! BIG BUBBLE BLOWOUT!

Oct. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm Think you can blow a big bubble? Teens can test their bubble gum blowing skills and see just how large a bubble can be blown! Bubble gum will be provided. Please pre-register.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm Teens and pre-teens (ages 10 and up) are invited to discuss J. J. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. Books will be available for checkout starting September 20th. Refreshments will be provided. Please pre-register.

SUPER TWO'S

Oct. 21, Fri. at 10:30am Children age 18-35 months and an adult caregiver will enjoy a Halloween lap-sit story time. Children should be in costume, and bring a treat to share with the group. Pre-register.

HAUNTED LIBRARY

Oct. 27, Thurs from 6-8pm Visit the Haunted Library. A haunting experience created especially for children 5-10 years of age. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, Mon. at 6pm Preschool children, age 3-5, continue to enjoy the last 4 weeks of this series of stories, songs, crafts and other activities. The last week will be a Halloween party when the children should wear their costumes and will parade around the library. Sign up for the remaining four programs.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 12, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

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PUMPKIN CARVING

Oct. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K-5) are invited to carve pumpkins. They must bring their own pumpkin and safe carving tools. Prizes will be awarded for the top three pumpkins. Apple cider and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

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Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: AN APPLE A DAY

Oct. 4, Tues. at 10:30am and Oct. 5, Wed. at 10:30am & 1pm Preschool Story Hour continues with apple stories, songs, and a craft for pre-school children, age 3-5. Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE WEAVERS

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, grades K and up, will celebrate Spinning and Weaving week by trying their hands at weaving a mug mat and other activities. Pre-register.

TODDLERS: CHOO-CHOO

Oct. 10, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will hear stories with a train theme, sing active songs, and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: ANIMAL BABIES

Oct. 11, Tues. at 10:30am and Oct. 12, Wed. at 10:30am & 1pm Cute and cuddly animal babies will be featured during this story hour for pre-schoolers, age 3-5. A simple craft will follow. Pre-register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: 1-2-BUCKLE MY SHOE

Oct. 18, Tues. at 10:30am and Oct. 19, Wed. at 10:30am & 1pm Preschool children, age 3-5, should wear their favorite shoes to hear stories with a shoe theme, sing active songs, and make a craft. Pre-register.

TODDLERS: POPCORN AND HALLOWEEN

Oct. 24, Mon. at 10:30am Popcorn and Halloween will be featured during this ½ hour lap-sit story hour for two year olds and their caregivers. Pre-register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: POPCORN

Oct. 25, Tues. at 10:30am and Oct. 26, Wed. at 10:30am & 1pm Preschool story hour concludes with popcorn and Halloween-themed stories, songs, and other activities. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

YOUR REAL LIFE: PHOTO ESSAY

Oct. 1, Sat. Anytime Help create a teen photo mural at the library by taking pictures of your everyday life! Disposable cameras will be available to teens and preteens. Reserve a camera by calling the library before Oct. 1st. Cameras and guidelines will be available for pick-up from Oct. 1st through the 7th.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Oct. 4&5, 11&12, 18&19, 25&26, Tues. at 1pm & 6pm and Wed. at 10:30am Preschool children, age 3-5, continue to enjoy the last 4 weeks of this series of stories, songs, crafts and other activities. Story hours are on Tuesday at 1pm and repeated at 6pm Tuesday and 10:30am on Wednesdays. Sign up for the remaining four programs.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 5pm Hobart Garden Club members will assist children in creating leaf rubbings using Fall leaves. Pre-register.

TEEN PHOTO MURAL

Oct. 17, Mon. from 2pm to 4pm Create a photo mural at the Hobart library using pictures taken by local teens for Teen Read Week. Refreshments will be available.

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HISTORY VIDEO: COLONIAL AMERICA

Nov. 8, Tues. at 2pm Learn about the people, daily life and culture in the original colonial settlements of *New England*. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

Nov. 9 & 30, Wed. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring Sugar 'n Cream yarn and knitting needles. Pre-register.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Nov. 14, Mon. at 4pm In celebration of Children's Book Week, Indiana author, Peggy Archer, will share her delightful new children's book, *Turkey's Surprise,* and discuss the process of writing and publishing. Everyone in the family is invited to this program, though children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Nov. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. This first of several autobiographies by the renowned poet and author is a moving, sometimes humorous, sometimes frightening and tragic tale of a younger girl growing up in the segregated South with her beloved grandmother and then later in California with her mother. This is a critically acclaimed poignant tale of a young girl dealing with abuse, racism, sexuality and finding her own identity and path in life. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 19, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Egret and Baby on an 8"x 10" canvas. A fee of $12 will cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS 'N SNACKS 'N MOVIES

Nov. 21, Mon. at 6pm Teens (12 and older) will participate in a variety of activities as they discuss *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* in book and movie. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Nov. 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will relive the spirit of Yankee ingenuity at New England's landmarks. Explore dazzling autumn forests and coastal island rocky shores. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

A Dog Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs, and Me
by John Katz

"Follow the adventures of yellow Labradors Stanley and Julius, as well as Border Collies Devon and Homer, during one year of living with Katz, a free-lance writer living in New Jersey. 'The Labradors' chosen work was to reflect on the state of the world, lick neighborhood kids, and accompany me through midlife.' Laugh-out-loud funny, but be sure to keep the Kleenex box nearby – this is a real gem for dog lovers!!

BG/Cedar Lake County Public Library

Another Way Home: The Tangled Roots of Race In One Chicago Family
by Ronne Hartfield

"A literary memoir of a mother who chose Chicago for her home, illuminating her life in light of her roots and family ties. These ties were multi-ethnic, including African slavery, English Protestantism, German Judaism, and Irish Catholicism." JK/Book Coordinator

Pompeii
by Robert Harris

"This well-researched book takes a unique look at the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The Augusta Aqueduct, which carries water to Pompeii, Misenum, and the other towns around the area, seems blocked, and the water coming through is contaminated by sulphur. The new hydraulics engineer ("aquarius" is his title), on the job for just a few days, must investigate the cause and fix it, while hampered by surly workers, corrupt politicians, a scheming ex-slave turned wealthy kingpin, and a mysterious disappearance of the previous aquarius." DB/Reference

FAMILY STORY TIME

Nov. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate Families Stories Month by hearing stories and acting out parts in them, making a book of their own, and participating in other fun activities. Pre-register.

A LAUGH A DAY

Nov. 29, Tues. at 2pm Laughter is not only medicine for the soul, but has proven to be physically beneficial also. Corrine Powell, Purdue Extension Agency Educator, will teach participants about the importance of laughter and how to add humor to your life and others. Pre-register.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: What is the size and depth of Cedar Lake and Lake Dale?

A: Cedar Lake is 781 acres and 16 feet deep and Lake Dale is 193 acres and 8 feet deep.

Source: Indian Lakes Guide, 917.72 INDI

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 16, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register, ext. 346.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm Hercules Poirot's first case: while a war refugee near Styles Court, he is asked to discover who administered the fatal dose of strychnine. Join us for an informal discussion of *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* by Agatha Christie, and enjoy a tasty dessert by calling the library to pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Join us for this special meeting as we each discuss a favorite Holiday Short Story over coffee and dessert by calling the library to pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SKIN CARE WITH ARTISTRY

Nov. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm You can have your skin professionally analyzed by the patented Skin Analyzer Magnifier Machine. Skin care experts will teach about the healing and repairing of UV damage to the three layers of skin. Pre-register.

GREAT HISTORIC SITES TRAVEL VIDEO

Nov. 14, Mon. at 1pm Visit worldwide historic monuments that include the spectacular mosque of Esfahan in Iran and the terracotta army of China. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 16, Wed. at 7pm Margaret Stuart was the happy, proud wife of a prosperous Iowa farmer, until her husband, Alec, takes to the bottle and her sister, Elspeth, comes to live with them. Join us for an informal discussion of Wallace Stegner's 1937 novel, *Remembering Laughter,* and dessert by calling the library to pre-register.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 28, Mon. at 1pm In *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio*, narrated by Terry Ryan, we learn of how her mother of ten, Evelyn Ryan, used her ingenious way with words to enter and win countless contests in an effort to help support her family. Pre-register.



Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (*Teen Advisory Board)* and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 7, Mon. at 6pm Participants will use the tole painting technique on wood to create Lighthouse on Heart Shape. A fee of $12 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

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BOOK SALE

Nov. 18 & 19, Fri. from 10am to 6pm, Sat. from 9am to 5pm Hobart Township's Fall Book Sale will be held in the lower level of the library. Materials for sale include adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tapes and videos. For more information call the Hobart Library.

HOLIDAY BASKET

Nov. 19, Sat. Rose Rasmusen will teach participants how to create this round basket for the holidays. Patrons will have a choice of trims. The basket is on display at the Hobart Branch. A bucket and towel must be brought in for the class by each participant. There is a $15 fee for materials, which is required no later than Nov. 15th for those who have pre-registered.

FLU SHOTS

Nov. 29, Tues. from 6pm to 8pm Visiting Nurse Association of Porter County will provide flu shots. Medicare Part B holders can receive the shot for free if they bring their card for verification. The cost of the shot is $25.00. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Nov. 2 & 16, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 11, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm A nurse from Miller's Merry Manor will be here to check blood pressure on the second Friday of every month.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 30, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *The Wide Window* by Lemony Snicket. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ONE REGION, ONE BOOK

Nov. 2, Wed. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace. All of Northwest Indiana is reading this novel in the One Region, One Book project sponsored by local media. William's father, Edward, has always been a mystery to him, and now he is dying. In a last effort to know him as he really is, William is driven to make up a life for Edward in a series of heroic, magical and often very funny stories, and he thereby finds his way to understanding both his father and his own life.

BIG FISH-THE MOVIE

Nov. 5, Sat. at 1:30pm If you missed the book discussion on this year's One Region, One Book selection, you'll be able to view the film *Big Fish* on our big screen. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 9, Wed. at 7pm Joan Krengel, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *The Midsummer Marriage* by Sir Michael Tippett. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

EXPLORE NEPAL

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Explore the southern region of Nepal. No high mountain peaks, just pristine rural villages and tribal cultures living undisturbed by tourism. Next, travel to Katmandu, where the spiritual life of the Nepali people has remained unchanged for centuries.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 17, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area provides free blood pressure screening the 3rd Thursday of the month. For more information, call the library.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 1:30pm *If I Live To Be A 100* by Neenah Ellis is a compilation of interviews with centenarians that she spent 2 years recording for a radio series. Ellis says that translating the radio series into the book only reinforced her belief that there is a "universe in the sound of every voice."

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion

Highland Branch

2845 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO: JOURNEY TO AMERICA

Nov. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm A tribute to over 12 million men, women and children who made the torturous journey from the old world to the new between 1890 and 1920. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm The specter of a plant closing looms over the cotton textile mill in Revell, North Carolina, the hometown to which Laurel Granger returns after 15 years in Las Vegas. She is dragging the baggage of a lifetime and the remnants of her now disintegrated marriage in *Plant Life* by Pamela Duncan. Pre-register.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Join us for a special morning hour – *Veterans Remembered* – as we reflect on our hard earned freedom by listening to stories that made common men uncommon heroes. Refreshments will be served. For more details call 972-7317.

CROATIA & SLOVENIA

Nov. 14, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will share the slides of his visit to Croatia and Slovenia.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 7pm Marty Kalish stands accused of killing his lover's husband in *Line of Vision* by David Ellis. Kalish hires the best lawyers in town and then fashions his explanation for the murder to suit their strategy. As the trial progresses, the central mystery of the murder is gradually revealed. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Nov. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Situated on the southeast coast of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro is the home of samba, soccer and the carnival capital of the world. It is a lively melting pot of Portuguese settlers and African slaves who have developed a unique culture and a lifelong obsession of Rio's beautiful beaches. We will visit the old city and the new city and join in the world famous Rio Carnival. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Nov. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm This film, *Beautiful Mind*, tells the story of Nobel prize-winning Mathematician, John Nash, who developed a groundbreaking economic theory and then later suffered from Schizophrenia. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Nov. 3, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Travelers will journey by train to Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Paraguay, Chile and Argentina. Pre-register.

1ST TIME HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Nov. 5 or 12, Sat. from 10am to noon Karl Wehle from Ginter Realty will present a one day seminar with tips to help the first time buyer purchasing a home. Pre-register.

WELLNESS SEMINAR

Nov. 10, Thurs at 6:30pm A representative from Nikken Wellness Technologies will present an informative seminar on ways to reduce stress, relieve discomfort and reduce recovery time. Pre-register for this free seminar.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 17, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

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Do You Surf? @ your library

First Nations Histories – www.tolatsga.org/Compacts.html
An ongoing web project that aims to provide extensive histories of all major tribes of Native Americans.

Disabled American Veterans – www.dav.org
Support organization for veterans, providing a nationwide network of services, free of charge to all veterans and members of their families. This website provides details of the organization, its activities and the services it offers.

Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections – www.uselectionatlas.org
Presents a detailed view of U.S. Presidential election results from 1789 through 2004, state and county data from 1948 through 2004.

Thanksgiving Recipes – www.thanksgivingrecipe.com
Offers a database of recipes, as well as the opportunity for you to submit your own recipes, request recipes, and read helpful cooking tips.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

EASTERN EUROPEANS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

Nov. 1, Tues. at 7pm Ted Erceg of Valparaiso will discuss the experiences of Eastern Europeans who came to and thrived in Northwest Indiana. Ted, who grew up in Gary, is an active member and the former President of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church. Pre-register, ext. 309.

COMPUTER CLASS

Nov. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse. Pre-register, ext. 346.

RAY

Nov. 7, Mon. at 6pm From Country Blues to Jazz to Rhythm & Blues, Ray Charles set a standard in the music business for more than 50 years, earning admiration across the globe. The library will present the recent feature film acclaimed for its content and sporting an Oscar winning performance by Jamie Fox. Beginning promptly at 6pm, this biographical movie is based on the life of the legendary singer/pianist/composer, who lost his sight at a young age then conquered his disability with his talent. Pre-register, ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: GLOBAL WATER ISSUES

Nov. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of the briefing book and videos of this monthly program. Pre-register, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Nov. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm The next step for the beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and the intricacies of Microsoft Windows. Pre-register, ext. 346.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ WORKSHOP

Nov. 10 & 17, Thurs. from 1-2:30pm Day care teachers and pre-school parents will participate in activities and learn techniques that get young children familiar with skills that lead to reading readiness. New picture books will be presented along with lots of developmental tips for fostering pre-reading skills. Two sessions will be offered. The first session will stress developmental skills for 2 and 3 year olds. The second week will feature skills for 4 and 5 year olds. This is a system wide program for day care teachers and interested pre-school parents. The program is free, but pre-registration for one or both sessions is required, ext. 360.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Adults are invited to a discussion of *Dark Safari: Overland From Cairo to Cape Town* by Paul Theroux. In his descriptive, insightful, and enlightening journey from north to south, Theroux compares the Africa of today with that of his first trip there nearly 40 years ago, and finds that things have changed and (mostly) not for the better. Pre-register, ext. 340

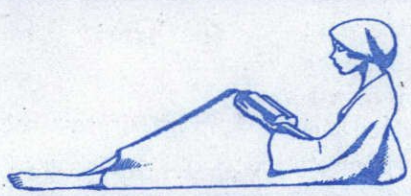
NATURAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Nov. 15, Tues. at 7pm The last of the 2005 Gardening Series will focus on live holiday decorations, presented by Master Gardener Nancy Doktysz. The program is open to anyone interested in this topic, as well as providing Lake County Master Gardeners the ability to achieve advanced training hours. The series will begin again next March through November with enlightening and imaginative gardening tips. Pre-register, ext. 317.

STARTING A BUSINESS & RECORDKEEPING

Nov. 18, Fri. from 9:30am to 4pm This workshop encompasses various types of entities, as well as the tax forms to complete for each entity type. Rules and guidelines are included regarding business income and deductible expenses, such as vehicle expenses, travel, entertainment and business use of home, in addition to keeping records for both income and expenses. Pre-register, ext. 334.

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NOVEMBER 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

ANTICIPATION BUILDS FOR NEW LIBRARY OPENING!

Many people driving down 133rd Avenue in Cedar Lake have noticed a beautiful new building under construction on the east side of the Hanover Jr./Sr. High School. This new sight has caused a stir of questions throughout the area. In answer to any quandaries, that striking new building is not part of the school, nor is it a church. It is, of course, the future Cedar Lake Branch Library.



13330 Parrish Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
219.374.7121
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

Boasting 20,000 square feet, it will be nearly five times the size of the current location and the second largest branch in the library system. The meeting room will be much larger, and study rooms will offer additional space for small groups. There will now be an obvious separation of space within the library, with more defined areas for children, teens, and adults, along with comfortable seating in wonderful browsing areas. There will also be a separate children's program room and nearly four times as many computers as there are in the current location.

While library staff and customers eagerly anticipate the opening of the new branch, a number of new programs have been launched over the past two years:

- A Teen Advisory Board (TAB) was formed to organize and conduct programs, especially for teens ages 12-17. They have helped plan a number of popular teen programs, along with incredible volunteer tasks. One task was a float entry in the Parade of Lights, which won a 2nd place prize. Several teens have also participated in the Puppeteens group, performing many entertaining puppet shows at the library.
- A portable computer lab now comes to the Cedar Lake Branch three times a year to offer beginning computer classes. The library also conducted basic classes in web design, PowerPoint, genealogy searching on the web, and other interesting topics.
- Scrap booking classes, health issue programs, and evening family story times have been added. Book discussions, movie programs, and classes on painting and knitting continue to be offered monthly.
- Story times for babies and toddlers are now being offered on a regular basis, along with ongoing pre-school and school age programs.
- A new program will kick off the month of November, called Mother Goose on the Loose. This program, designed for babies and toddlers, incorporates recent research about early learning and reading with children by emphasizing music and rhymes, along with stories and other activities. It is guaranteed to be both entertaining and also an important learning experience for child and caregiver.

So spread the word. The library is incredibly so much more than books. And the new building promises the opportunity to even better serve the people who use it.

Linda Johnsen
Branch Manager
Cedar Lake Branch Library

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Every Child Ready to Read Workshop @ Your Library

Join us for this free program concerning reading readiness.

Two sessions
November 10 and 17

of *On Evil* by Moses Maimonides. This is a selection from the Third Series of Great Books.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 29, Tues. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Class size is limited. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Nov. 30, Wed. at 1:30pm This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Class size is limited. Pre-register.

ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 30, Wed. at 7pm Joshua Kind, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera, *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 E. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 1, Tues. from 10:30am to 1:30pm Participants will paint a piece called Shady Lady. A fee of $12, paid at the beginning of class, covers the cost of all materials. Beginners are welcome. Pre-register.

TAKE PERFECT HOLIDAY PICTURES

Nov. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Members of the 3H Camera Club will offer information on basic photography and specific tips on photographing holiday scenes including indoor and outdoor lighting, candles, people and snow. Pre-register.

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Nov. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 7, Mon. from 1:30pm to 4pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration required.

QUICK & EASY CAKE DECORATING

Nov. 7, Mon. at 7pm Through observation and hands-on practice, participants will learn how to add beautiful, simple touches to cakes for various occasions. A $2.00 fee covers all materials. Pre-register.

REDUCE WINTER ENERGY BILLS

Nov. 8, Tues. at 7pm The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor will provide tips on using energy more efficiently this winter. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Nov. 10, Thurs from 1pm to 4pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft word is discussed as time permits. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 12, Sat. from 1:30pm to 4pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration required.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Nov. 16, Wed. at 7pm Viewers will travel to Pikes Peak, the mile high city of Denver, an old mining town, cliff dwellings, and scenic rapids via large-screen video of Colorado. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Gifts and Tributes @ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from June through September.

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Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the ***Friends*** **of the Lake County Public Library Annual Fall Book Sale** in October. Once again it was a rousing success. The proceeds from this event will be used to provide those special programs that the library patrons have come to enj

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: PRE-SCHOOL

Nov. 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate National Children's Book Week with panda books, songs and a simple craft. Pre-register.

HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK: TODDLERS

Nov. 28, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will hear tales of mice, sing active songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 5pm School age children will learn about the wonders of Autumn from the Hobart Garden Club. Each child will also create an Autumn harvest craft. Pre-register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK:TRIVIA

Nov. 14 through 19, Mon. through Sat. Children in grades K and up can celebrate Children's Book Week by answering trivia questions based on the theme, Imagine. All questions will be about children's literature. A winner will be chosen based on correct answers.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION: PRE-SCHOOL

Nov. 16, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to a special Children's Book Week story time. This story time will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 18, Fri. at 10:30am Children ages 6 to 35 months, and an adult caregiver, are invited to attend a special lap-sit story time to celebrate Children's Book Week. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: PRE-SCHOOL

Nov. 14, Mon. at 6pm In celebration of National Children's Book Week, pre-schoolers (ages 3-5) will hear some outstanding stories, participate in finger plays, songs and make a holiday craft. Pre-register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK...IMAGINE

Nov. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm In celebration of National Children's Book Week, school age children (grades K-4) will hear wonderful stories, and make a craft using their ability to "Imagine." Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 30, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *The Wide Window* by Lemony Snicket. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK TRIVIA

Nov. 14 through 19, Mon. through Sat. During this National Children's Book Week, grade K-6 students may pick up a trivia sheet at the library. There are 10 simple questions based on children's books. Every child who enters will receive a bookmark. One winning entry will be chosen at random from all the correct entries returned. The grand prize is a $15 bookstore gift certificate. All entries are due before 5pm on Saturday the 19th of November.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Nov. 14, Mon. at 4pm As we continue celebrating Children's Book Week, Indiana author, Peggy Archer, will share her delightful new children's book, *Turkey's Surprise*, and discuss the process of writing and publishing. We invite everyone in the family to this program, though children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 15, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, 3 to 5 years old, will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories, songs and a short film based on a children's book. Pre-register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK...IMAGINE

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Students in grades K through 6 will celebrate Children's Book Week by playing an imagination game and listening to some brand new books. Pre-register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK BOOK SWAP

Nov. 18 & 19, Fri. from 11am to 6pm & Sat. from 9am to 4pm The library will host a Book Swap for children and teens. Participants should bring a book or two in good condition to trade. Books with torn pages or scribbling cannot be accepted. Call for details.

BOOKS 'N SNACKS 'N MOVIES

Nov. 21, Mon. at 6pm Teens (12 and older) will participate in a variety of activities as they discuss *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* in book and movie. Pre-register.

TURKEY TIME STORY HOUR

Nov. 22, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will participate in Thanksgiving stories and songs. A simple turkey craft will complete the program. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

Nov. 23, Wed. at 2pm A variety of craft materials will be available for students in K-6th grade to create their own unique masterpiece. Pre-register.

FAMILY STORYTIME FUN

Nov. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate Family Stories Month by hearing stories and acting out parts in them, making a book of their own and participating in other fun activities. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES EXPLORE THEIR FIVE SENSES

Nov. 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will explore their five senses through books, songs, finger plays and related activities. Pre-register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: TODDLERS

Nov. 14, Mon. at 10:30am In celebration of National Children's Book Week, two year olds and their caregivers will hear stories about ouchies and boo-boos with related activities during this 30 minute lap-sit story time. Pre-register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 15, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, grades K and up, will celebrate National Children's Book Week by practicing their sleuthing skills to solve a mystery at the library. Pre-register.

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with their caregivers, are invited to a new circle time program featuring rhymes, stories and hands-on activities. Pre-register for either the Wednesday or Thursday sessions, or individual dates.

MICE ARE NICE!

Nov. 7 or 8, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1:30pm Children, 3 to 5 years old, will hear mouse stories; play a game; make a craft; and watch a film.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

Nov. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm Children, K-3rd grade, will use their imagination to guess and illustrate the title and cover of a book. Musical Books game will be played and a film will be shown. Pre-register.

THANKSGIVING FUN!

Nov. 21 or 22, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about Thanksgiving Day, watch a film and make a craft. Pre-register.

NATIONAL GAME & PUZZLE WEEK

Nov. 22, Tues. at 6:30pm Children, grade 4 and older, may play a variety of games including Chaos Cards, I've Got a Word, and any of several board games.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: IMAGINE

Nov. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Children in grades K through 4 will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories that stretch the imagination and a craft. Pre-register beginning Oct. 31st.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOOK WEEK: PRE-SCHOOL

Nov. 16, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, will enjoy hearing stories about imaginary friends, sing songs and make a craft to take home. Pre-register beginning Oct. 31st.

PRE-SCHOOL THANKSGIVING

Nov. 22, Tues. at 1:30pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, will enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and make a craft. Pre-register beginning Nov. 7th.

Leafy Bookmark-by Clara Flammang/Highlights Magazine

What you need:

scissors
thin cardboard
glue
construction paper
leaves
tissues
clear self-adhesive paper



How to make it:

1.Cut out a 2-inch-by-6-inch piece of thin cardboard. Glue construction paper to both sides of the cardboard.

2.Place a few small leaves between two tissues. Then put the leaves between the pages of a big book to dry for a few days. If you can't find leaves, draw some on construction paper and cut them out.

3.Glue the dried leaves of both sides of the bookmark. Glue on cut-paper eyes or draw them.

4.Cut two pieces of clear self-adhesive paper, each slightly larger than the bookmark. Remove the covering from the paper, and carefully place one piece on each side of the bookmark. Use scissors to trim the excess.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK...IMAGINE!

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 3:30pm In celebration of National Children's Book Week, school age children (grades K-4) will hear dazzling stories from new children's books, then create a craft using their skills to "Imagine." Pre-register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Nov. 1, 15 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am Fantastic 4 and 5 year olds (without caregivers) will have three story times in the month of November. Each program will last 45-60 minutes and will include stories, music, a video, a craft and other theme related activities. This month's themes are Dressing-Up, Spaghetti, and Turkey Time. Each program will be brought to you by a different letter of the alphabet.

WEE ONES

Nov. 2 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am Twice each month infants and toddlers, aged 6 to 23 months, along with a caregiver, meet for a program of stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and our special toy time. These programs last 30-45 minutes. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

YAs

Nov. 3, Thurs. at 6:30pm This program is for students currently in 5th grade or higher that are interested in joining our Youth volunteers. Each meeting will be organized by the students. Refreshments will be served. Students will have an opportunity to sign-up for volunteer hours for each upcoming month.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Nov. 7, 21 & 28, Mon. at 10:15am & 11:15am Terrific 2s and 3s, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times in November at either the 10:15am or 11:15am scheduled time. All three programs will include stories, music, a craft and other theme related activities. Themes include: Dressing-Up, Turkey Time, and Spaghetti.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Nov. 9 & 23, Wed. at 4pm The After School Group meets twice a month for a one hour program including stories, games, crafts and other theme related activities with refreshments. Themes for this month are Sandwich Day and Hidey Holes.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: THEATRE PRESENTATION

Nov. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm The whole family is invited to celebrate Children's Book Week by attending the play *Bookworm's Adventure in Storybook Land*. Children from the Munster Library will present the play at 6:30pm.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 30, Wed. at 10:30am or Thurs. at 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months, along

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Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PICKUP POCKET

Nov. 9, Wed. at 4pm Children, in grades K and up, will make a hanging pocket to hold their treasures. Pre-register.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 16, Wed. at 4pm Children, ages 3 and up, are invited to hear the story of *Heckedy Peg* by Audrey Wood and then make some butter to enjoy. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Tues. at 10:30am A lap-sit program for children ages 6 to 35 months with a caregiver. Young children will explore language through reading, rhythm and rhyme. Each session will last about 30 minutes and will occur on four consecutive Tuesday mornings. Register for this new, free program by calling the branch at 838-2825.

TIME TRAVELERS

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children ages 7 and older will build a trebuchet after hearing more of *Crispin and the Iron Cross* by Avi. Pre-register.

2 & 3's CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK

Nov. 14, Mon. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 2 and 3, will celebrate Children's Book Week by making a "book buddy bear" to listen to the stories they will hear at the library and at home from mom and dad. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

Nov. 15, Tues. at 4pm Children ages 10 and older are welcome to join us for a trivia contest all about Harry Potter. Questions will be taken from the first four books and will feature *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Come and join the fun! Pre-register.

4 & 5's CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK

Nov. 16, Wed. at 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 4 and 5, will celebrate Children's Book Week by making a "book buddy bear" to listen to the stories they will hear at the library and at home from mom and dad. Pre-register.

BOOK BUDDIES-BOOK WEEK SPECIAL

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K and up will make a stuffed newspaper pillow to be their "book buddy," someone to share their favorite books. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 3, 10, 17, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies & toddlers (6 to 35 months), along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music activities and more. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ WORKSHOP

Nov. 10 & 17, Thurs. from 1-2:30pm Day care and pre-school teachers, as well as parents will participate in activities and learn techniques that get young children familiar with skills that lead to reading readiness. New picture books will be presented along with lots of developmental tips for fostering pre-reading skills. Two sessions will be offered. The first session will stress developmental skills for 2 and 3 year olds. The second week will feature skills for 4 and 5 year olds. This is a system wide program for day care teachers and interested pre-school parents. The program is free, but pre-registration for one or both sessions is required.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
NOVEMBER 2005



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 31 through Nov. 21, on Mon.-Tues.-Wed. at 10am This new parent child lap-sit program will entertain and educate toddlers (6 to 35 months) with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early language development. Pre-register for either the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday session.

EVERYTHING MEDIEVAL

Nov. 3, Thurs. at 4pm School age children should come to hear tales of dragons, knights and princesses then create a craft fit for royalty.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 4pm School-age children (K or older) will celebrate National Children's Book Week with new and old favorite books, games and a craft. Pre-register by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PICKUP POCKET

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children, in grades K and up, will make a hanging pocket to hold their treasures. Pre-register.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

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DECEMBER 2005 HAPPENINGS @ your library

AV ROCKS!

I am a music lover and a movie watchin' fool. With hobbies like mine, the Audio Visual Department of the Lake County Public Library is simply nirvana. We currently have over 32,000 compact discs spread out amongst 12 branch locations that are available for checkout—with more being added virtually everyday! Do your best Bubba impression (from the movie *Forrest Gump*) as you read the different genres of music we have: rock music, country classical, bluegrass, rap, , blues, folk music, show tunes, soundtracks, world music, etc. A valid resident library card allows you to check out up to 20 CDs at a time, and keep them for two weeks FOR FREE!

AV offers more than just videos. From music and audio books on tape to educational videos, the selections are grand for browsing!

There are five words every American seems to utter at least once per week (if not every day), "I don't have time to…" I can imagine a few of you saying, "I don't have time to go to the library and pick out 20 CDS." If you have access to the Internet, you can browse our online catalog and request CDs with your barcode number and 4 digit PIN number. You will get a call from our automated message system when your CDs are ready to be picked up. You can have the CDs sent to any of our 12 locations—whichever is most convenient for you. All you'll have to do is run in and show your card; we'll check the CDs out to you, and you can be on your way. Oh, if only I could convince my grocery store to adopt this service, too!

The AV department at the Central Library is a great place to come down and browse after a long, hard day at work. We are open late (until 9pm Monday—Thursday) four days per week, and I guarantee that you will find something to take home and enjoy. One of my personal favorite new additions to our collection is our Television Shows on DVD. What a great source of nostalgia! I checked out the *Muppet Show* the other day, and it reminded me of sitting home on Saturday nights with my brothers and sisters watching Kermit and the gang "yuk it up." Many of the DVDs, come with special features and commentary that really enhance the experience. We have several current shows, such as *Lost* and *Desperate Housewives*, as well as some classics such as *Little House on the Prairie* and the *Brady Bunch*. These are definitely worth checking out, but be patient as the feature DVDs cannot be put on hold.

We have more than just materials for your entertainment in AV. We have recently added several "Classic" books on tape. These classics are unabridged (the entire book) and are great tools for reluctant readers who are struggling in school.

Our Educational videos and DVDs are another great resource for students. We currently have over 21,000 educational videos and DVDs that can be put on hold and picked up at any branch location. They check out for two weeks and can be renewed as long as there is not another hold on them.

Come down and visit us, we'd be glad to help you find what you're looking for, and I'll bet we can show you some great things you didn't know we had.

Julie Plunkett
Assistant Head of
Audio Visual Services

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Celebrate the Holidays at your library

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas and More!

Join the festivities in the programs for youngsters and adults.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS

Dec. 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse. Pre-register.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm The Year's Best-Your Favorites! Readers are invited to share the book(s) they enjoyed most during the past year. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Dec. 9, Fri. at 9:30am Holiday music classics will be performed by Knight Sounds (Whiting Knights of Columbus) with a special visit from Santa Claus. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to enjoy this festive event. For more details, call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

FRIENDS MEETING

Dec. 13, Tues. at 1pm The Friends of Lake County Public Library will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Board Room. All current members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Public Relations, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

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COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 21, Wed. at 2pm and 6pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register, ext. 346.

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NONFICTION NARRATIVES
Compelling true stories selected from reportage, essays and memoirs

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 12, Mon. at 12:30 Struggling to get into the Christmas spirit, recently widowed American Dorothy Martin has relocated to the quiet town of Sherebury, England–quiet until she stumbles over the body of the cranky cleric. Join us for an informal discussion of *The Body in the Transept* by Jeanne M. Dams, and enjoy a tasty treat. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

BEST TREKS TRAVEL VIDEO

Dec. 12, Mon. at 1pm Visit incredible trekking destinations, some harsh, some remote, in Africa, South America, Borneo and the Arctic. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 21, Wed. at 7pm Oswald T. Campbell flees the oncoming cold Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. Join us for an informal discussion of *A Redbird Christmas*, by Fannie Flagg, over dessert. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.h*

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 3, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Winter Land-

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: Who sent the first Christmas card?

A: London artist John C. Horsley designed the first commercial Christmas card in 1843. He was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman, who wanted a card he could send to friends and professional acquaintances to wish them a "merry Christmas."

In 1875, Boston lithographer Louis Prang began publishing cards in America. Today more than two billion Christmas cards are exchanged annually, just within the United States.

Christmas is the number one card-selling holiday of the year.

scape/Birches. There is a fee of $12 to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 14, Wed. at 6pm Participants will paint Winter Landscape. There is a fee of $12 to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY PIZZAZZ

Dec. 19, Mon. at 6pm Teens, 11 and older, will celebrate holidays around the world by creating and eating different foods and engaging in a variety of activities. Pre-register.

BOOKS & CHAT

Dec. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. This book has been called the most influential psychiatric work since Sigmond Freud. Frankl begins by describing his years in concentration camps and then moves on to explain his theories of the driving forces of humanity. This is a fascinating sophisticated, and very human book. "Our generation is realistic, for we have come to know man as he really is, " Frankl writes. "After all, man is that being who invented the gas chambers of Auschwitz; however, his is also that being who entered the gas chambers upright, with the Lord's Prayer or the Shema Yisrael on his lips." Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Dec. 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will cruise the islands of the Eastern Caribbean. The charm of these islands is the diversity of cultures and environments; each island has its own history, specialized activities and character. Refreshments will be served.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO: *LUCKY, THE STORY OF CHARLES LINDBERGH*

Dec. 5, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Lindbergh was the epitome of the American hero, but personal tragedy and a controversial ideology brought "Lucky Lindy" headlines he never counted upon. Pre-register.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Enjoy Christmas stories, games and music as we sample our favorite Christmas Cookies and share the recipes with each other. Registration in person is required and should be accompanied by a copy of the recipe for the cookies. Participants should bring 3 dozen homemade cookies the night of the program. Registration begins November 1st and closes Nov. 28th, to insure enough time to duplicate and compile the recipes.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Sit back and enjoy the Footlight Christmas Carolers, in Charles Dickens attire as they stroll through the crowd singing Christmas songs. For the second year, in tradition with the giving season, Sand Ridge Club will be accepting food donations to stock local food shelters. Please feel free to help by cleaning out your cupboards. For more details, call 972-7317.

MAKE & TAKE: QUILTED PILLOW

Dec. 10, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm Adults will make a simple pieced and quilted Christmas pillow using a sewing machine. Cost of the class will include all materials, equipment and use of sewing machines. When you register, you may reserve your favorite kit and select from the variety of fabric combinations. A sample of the project is on display at the library. Registration must be accompanied by a $12 fee for materials.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 13, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm On his 83rd birthday, Eddie,

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a maintenance worker at Ruby Point Amusement Park, is killed trying to save a girl from a falling cart. He awakens in the afterlife where he learns heaven is not a destination. Instead it's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of who you knew and others who may be strangers in Mitch Albom's *Five People You Meet in Heaven*. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: WYOMING

Dec. 19, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Explore the "Cowboy State" and discover the natural beauty of Wyoming through video. Visit Devil's Tower, kayak the Snake River and take a close look at possibly the world's largest coal mine. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 27, Tues. at 2pm or 6pm Starring Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst and Julia Stiles, *Mona Lisa Smile*, is a film telling the story of a non-conformist teacher (Roberts) at a private girl's school, who encourages students (Dunst and Stiles) to pursue their individuality. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN–ISRAEL & EGYPT

Dec. 1, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Travelers enjoy the sights from ancient Jerusalem to the Egyptian Sphinx. Refreshments will be served.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 14 & 16, Wed. & Fri. at 10:30am Interested holiday bakers should bring at least 2 dozen cookies along with copies of the recipes to share with others. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 15, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CLUB AND CHAT

Dec. 20, Tues. at 2pm *Peace Like A River* by Leif Enger, takes place in Minnesota and North Dakota's Badlands in the 1960s. Told by 11 year old Reuben, this story is about his family journey to find his brother Davy, who has escaped from jail, and how they bring him back to stand trial. Pre-register.

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Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the Lake Station or New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library.**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *IL POSTINO*

Dec. 6, Tues. at 1:30pm In this gentle comedy, an Italian postman is inspired by the exiled Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, to woo and win a beautiful woman.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 7, Wed. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *NOWHERE IN AFRICA*

Dec. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm This film, based on the novel by Stefanie Zweig, tells the story of a German Jewish family who escape from the Nazis by going to live and work on a farm in rural Kenya. This is a 2003 Oscar-winner for best foreign language film.

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Dec. 15, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Explore Mexico City's urban spaces, including the bustling Reforma, the vast Zocolo and the post Zona Rosa. Float down Xochimiclo's colorful canals. Head for the beaches of Puerto Vallarta and visit San Miguel de Allende, an artist's colony that seems frozen in time.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES: *SHALL WE DANCE*

Dec. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm A successful but unhappy Japanese accountant finds the missing passion in his life when he begins to secretly take ballroom dance lessons.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 22, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area provides free blood pressure screening. For more information, call the library.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Dec. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMPING FUN

Dec. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Melissa will teach participants how to make a variety of unique gifts such as note cards, gift tags, and stationery with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee for the cost of supplies due at the time of class. Please pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY: WASHINGTON

Dec. 21, Wed. at 7pm Armchair travelers will venture over mountains, along the coastline, and through farmlands in Washington state via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Dec. 28, Wed. at 7pm & Dec. 29, Thurs at 10:15am Lee Smith tells the stories of three generations of women through the letters they send in their Christmas cards over the years in *The Christmas Letters*.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings**@your library**.

Do You Surf? @ your library

White House – www.whitehouse.gov
Official site features a virtual historical tour, history of American presidents and their families, and selected exhibits of art in the White House.

Symbols – www.symbols.com
An encyclopedia of over 2,500 symbols where you can search by keywords/concepts or by graphical attributes.

Christmas Magazine – www.christmasmagazine.com
Offers an Advent calendar, stories, galleries for children's drawings and winter photographs, e-cards, and decorating ideas.

Storm Watch – www.earthwatch.com/STORMWATCH/stormwatch.com
The first 3D weather web site giving you continuously updated satellite, radar, forecasts and 3D fly-through. Storm Watch severe weather watches, warnings & advisories, which are updated every 10 minutes.

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

JINGLE ALL THE WAY

Dec. 5, Mon. at 10am or 1pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, games and will make ornaments – one to decorate the library tree and another to take home! Pre-register, ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE WITH JINGLE BELLS

Dec. 6, Tues. at 10am or 11am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months, with caregivers will play some lively rhymes with jingle bells and experience some other holiday fun. Pre-register, ext. 360.



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DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 4pm Children (Kindergarten and up) will see how other cultures celebrate the holiday season. They will hear stories from the celebrations of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas and Christmas. They will also participate in multicultural games, as well as make a fun craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 6, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to hear some holiday stories and make an ornament for their tree. Please pre-register.

TABLE TREES

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and older will hear a story or two and make their own table top tree to decorate. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 5, Mon. at 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to hear some holiday stories and make an ornament for their tree. Please pre-register.

TABLE TREES

Dec. 7, Wed. at 4:00pm Children in grades Kindergarten and older will hear a story or two and make their own table top tree to decorate. Please pre-register.

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Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

TIME TRAVELERS

Dec. 1, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children ages 7 and older will make and eat an Old English trifle while hearing more from Crispin. Pre-register.

CANDY WREATHS

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K and up will make edible wreath decorations for home. Pre-register.

TODDLER CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 18 to 35 months and their caregiver will hear Christmas stories and make a bell to help count down the days until Christmas. Pre-register.

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 14, Wed. at 1pm Children ages 3 to 5 will hear Christmas stories, make music, and make a bell ornament to take home for their Christmas tree. Pre-register.

3-D CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades K and up will make 3-D ornaments to take home to hang on their family Christmas tree. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER

Dec. 27, Tues. at 2pm If you have read the 6th in the series, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, come and join us for fun and games featuring facts from the book. Pre-register.

HOGMANY CELEBRATION

Dec. 29, Thurs. at 1pm Children in grades K and up will celebrate the New Year, Scottish style, and make a calendar for the year 2006. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

TEEN VOLUNTEERS: CANDY MAKING

Dec. 3, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 12 and older, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs in December.

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 6 & 20, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy holiday stories and music activities. A Christmas craft or a short holiday film will complete these two programs. Pre-register.

VISIT SANTA

Dec. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Children of all ages are invited to hear Santa read The Night Before Christmas. Children will also enjoy a sing-a-long, light refreshments, and the opportunity to visit with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring a camera.

TODDLER TIME

Dec. 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear holiday stories and participate in music & movement activities. Pre-register.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 13, Tues. at 10:30am A Holiday Celebration for 4 and 5 year olds will be held with stories, music, a craft and other seasonal activities. Refreshments will be served.

WEE ONE'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 14, Wed. at 10:30am A Holiday Celebration for Wee Ones, ages 6 to 23 months, with their caregivers will be hosted which will include stories, music, nursery rhymes, finger plays and other seasonal activities. Refreshments (Cheerios) will be served.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 14, Wed. at 4pm A Holiday Celebration for students in grades Kindergarten and higher will be held with seasonal stories, games and other activities. Refreshments will be served.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Dec. 27 & 28, Tues. & Wed. at either 9am to 1pm or 1:30pm to 5:30pm The Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered for youngsters 11 years old or older. This 8 hour course will be held on 2 days, 4 hours each day. The students will be given an assignment to complete and return on the 2nd day. The course includes: Responsibility, Leadership, Basic Care, Safety, Safe Play, and Emergency First Aid. Students who complete all activities will receive a certification card. Required is a birth certificate for proof of age and a $25 fee at the time of registration which begins on Nov. 29. Class size is limited to 10 for each session. Call the library for details.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 30, Dec, 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, Wed. at 10:30am or Thurs. at 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, ages 6-35 months, along with their caregivers, are invited to a new, circle time program featuring rhymes, stories and hands-on activities. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY FUN!

Dec. 12 or 13, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear holiday stories, watch a film and play a game. Pre-register.

GAMES & TREATS

Dec. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Children, 4th grade and up, will decorate cookies, play a sock guessing game and a gift wrap relay. Pre-register.

CHILDREN'S FILM FEST

Dec. 29, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Incredible Adventures of Wallace and Gromit* will be shown to children in grades Kindergarten and up. This clay-animated film appeals to all ages. Children may bring a snack to eat while watching the film–please, no dark colored drinks.

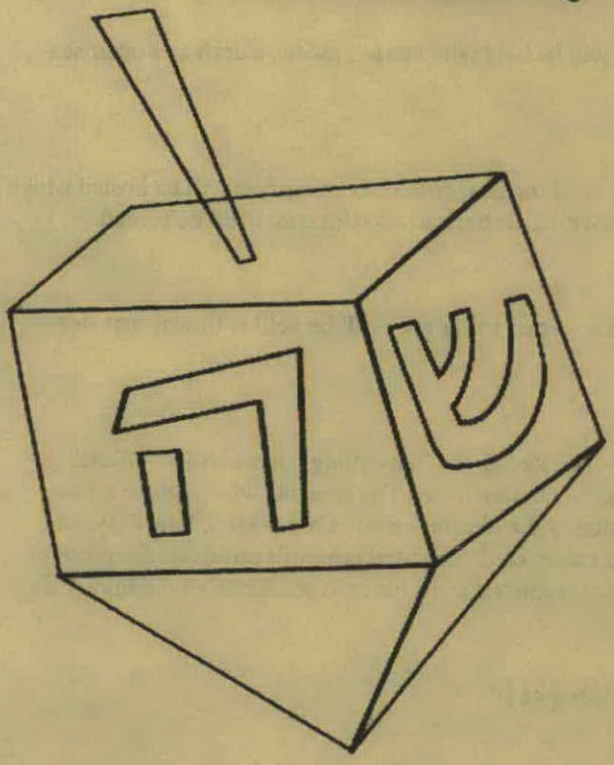
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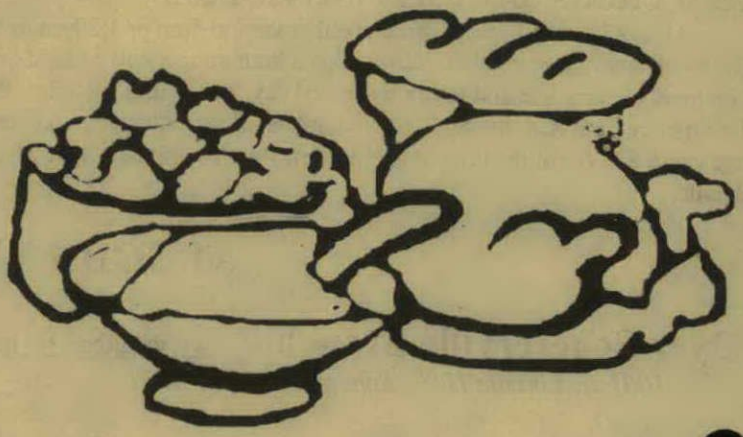
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Your Holiday Coloring/Craft Page



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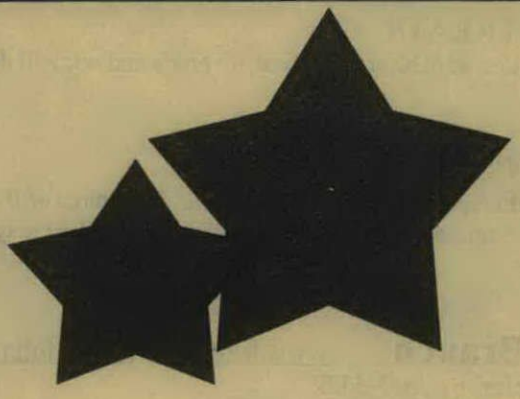


Easy Glitter Stars

KARAMU

These can be used to decorate windows and they come right off.

You'll Need:
Glitter in assorted colors
Plastic food wrap
Large piece of cardboard
A bottle of White glue
Yarn for hanging, optional



Updated Instructions:
Use bottled Glitter Glue for a quick and easy craft idea!

Secure the plastic food wrap with tape onto a piece of cardboard tray, pulling it smooth and taut. Make star shapes on the plastic wrap with the glue bottle. Fill in the center with glue as well. You can also make other shapes like a bell, or a pine tree. If you plan on hanging or tying these stars attach a loop of yarn to the top of by putting it into the glue. Sprinkle the glue with glitter.
Make sure it is completely covered. Leave to dry for 48 hours. Gently peel the plastic wrap away from the back,

CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 4pm Children in K-6th grade will decorate and eat Christmas cookies. Frosting and cookies will be provided. Participants should bring edible decorations, such as M&Ms, chocolate chips, marshmallows, red hots, etc. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY TIME FOR WEE ONES

Dec. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, 0-3 years of age, with a caregiver, will play with toys, listen to a holiday story and enjoy music and movement activities. Pre-register.

CHESS

Dec. 14 & 28, Wed. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY PIZZAZZ

Dec. 19, Mon. at 6pm Teens, 11 and older, will celebrate holidays around the world by creating and eating different foods and engaging in a variety of activities. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY CRAFT CORNER

Dec. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (grades K-6) will learn very basic sewing, with a needle and thread, when they make a felt Christmas tree ornament. Buttons (old or new) of any kind are needed for the craft. Teen volunteers will be on hand to assist younger children who may choose to glue their project in lieu of sewing. Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES HOLIDAY SURPISE

Dec. 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, will listen to holiday stories, sing active songs, and decorate a holiday treat. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Dec. 8 & 10, Thurs. from 3:30 to 5pm & Sat. from 10am to noon School age children may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Items will be on display in the branch. A fee of $.25 to $1.50 will be charged at the program for each craft depending on what materials used. Directions for the crafts will be written out; younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item, depending on the time it takes to complete. Pre-register.

MAKE & TAKE: QUILTED PILLOW

Dec. 10, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm Children (4th grade or older) and adults will make a simple pieced and quilted Christmas pillow using a sewing machine. Cost of the class will include all materials, equipment and use of sewing machines. A sample of the project is on display at the library. Registration must be accompanied by a $12 fee for materials.

TODDLERS HOLIDAY SURPRISE

Dec. 12, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will hear holiday stories, sing active songs and decorate a holiday treat. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 5pm School age children will create a holiday decoration with the assistance of the Hobart Garden Club. Pre-register.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Dec. 14, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to a Holiday Story Time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Adult caregivers can participate in a Christmas Cookie Exchange during the story time. Please bring 2 dozen cookies and their recipe. Pre-register.

SUPER 2s/MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 16, Fri. at 10:30am Children ages 6 to 36 months and an adult caregiver are invited to a Holiday Story Time that will include stories, songs and finger plays. Adult caregivers can participate in a Christmas Cookie Exchange during the story time. Please bring 2 cozen cookies and the recipe. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

BABY HANDPRINTS

Dec. 9, Fri. at 10:30am Parents are invited to bring in their baby to make a handprint of the baby's hand. These will be placed on a wall of the library in the children's section. Bring your baby in anytime between 10:30am and 12:30pm. The paints are non-toxic and washable. Refreshments will be served.

HOLIDAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 12, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school children ages 3 to 5 will hear a variety of holiday stories, participate in finger plays, songs and make a holiday craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Dec. 14, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K-3) will hear some holiday stories and music, and make a holiday craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 28, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children, ages 3 to 8, will hear some holiday stories and music, and make a holiday craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

STUDENT VOLUNTEER'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Cancelled

Dec. 1, Thurs. at 6:30pm Student volunteers will meet to celebrate the holiday while cooking up a treat and making a craft. Students can sign-up for December volunteer hours.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 12, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am At either one of the two sessions on Monday, the 2 and 3 year olds, along with a caregiver, will celebrate the holiday season with a special Holiday Story Time. Refreshments will be served.